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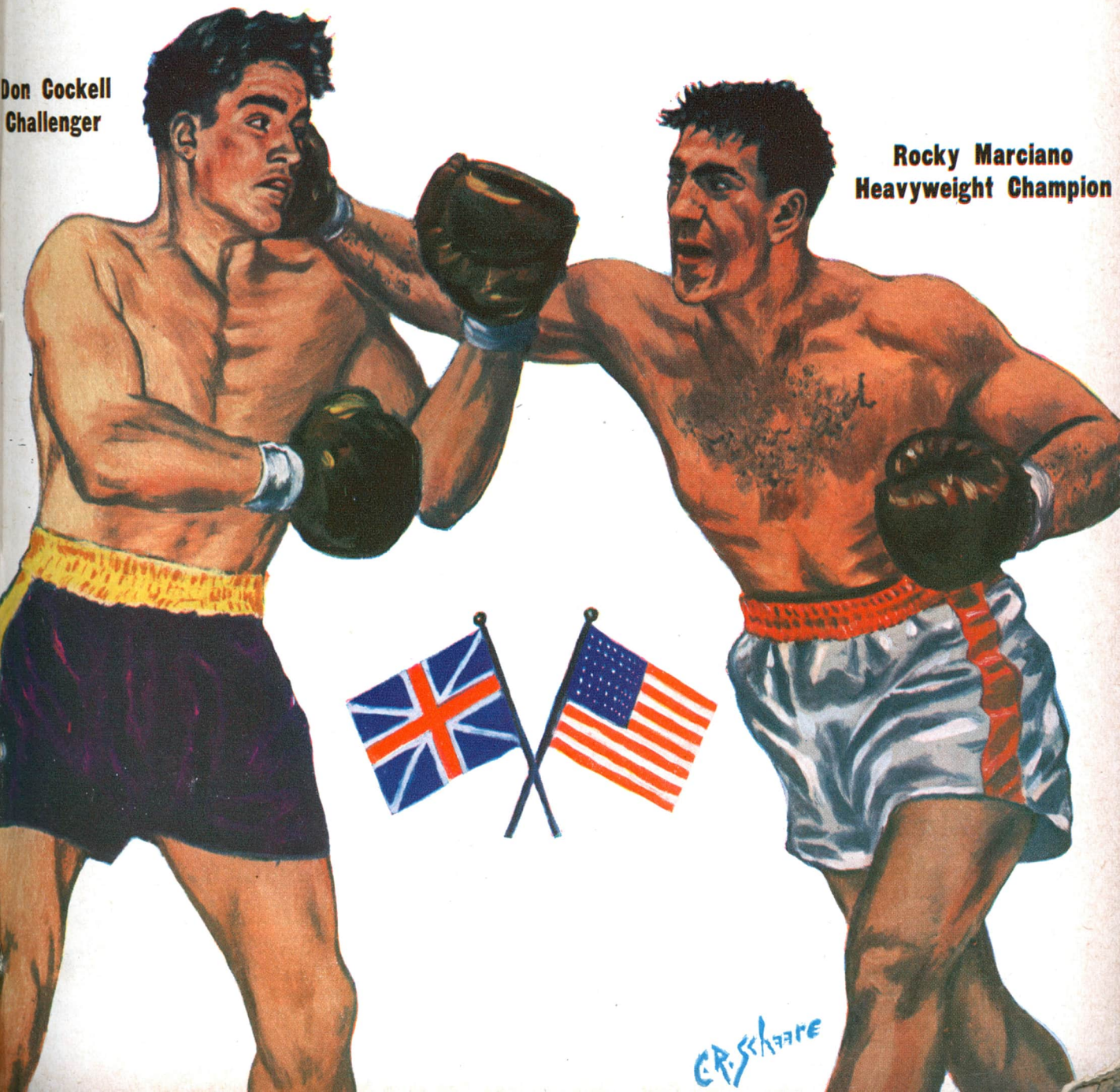

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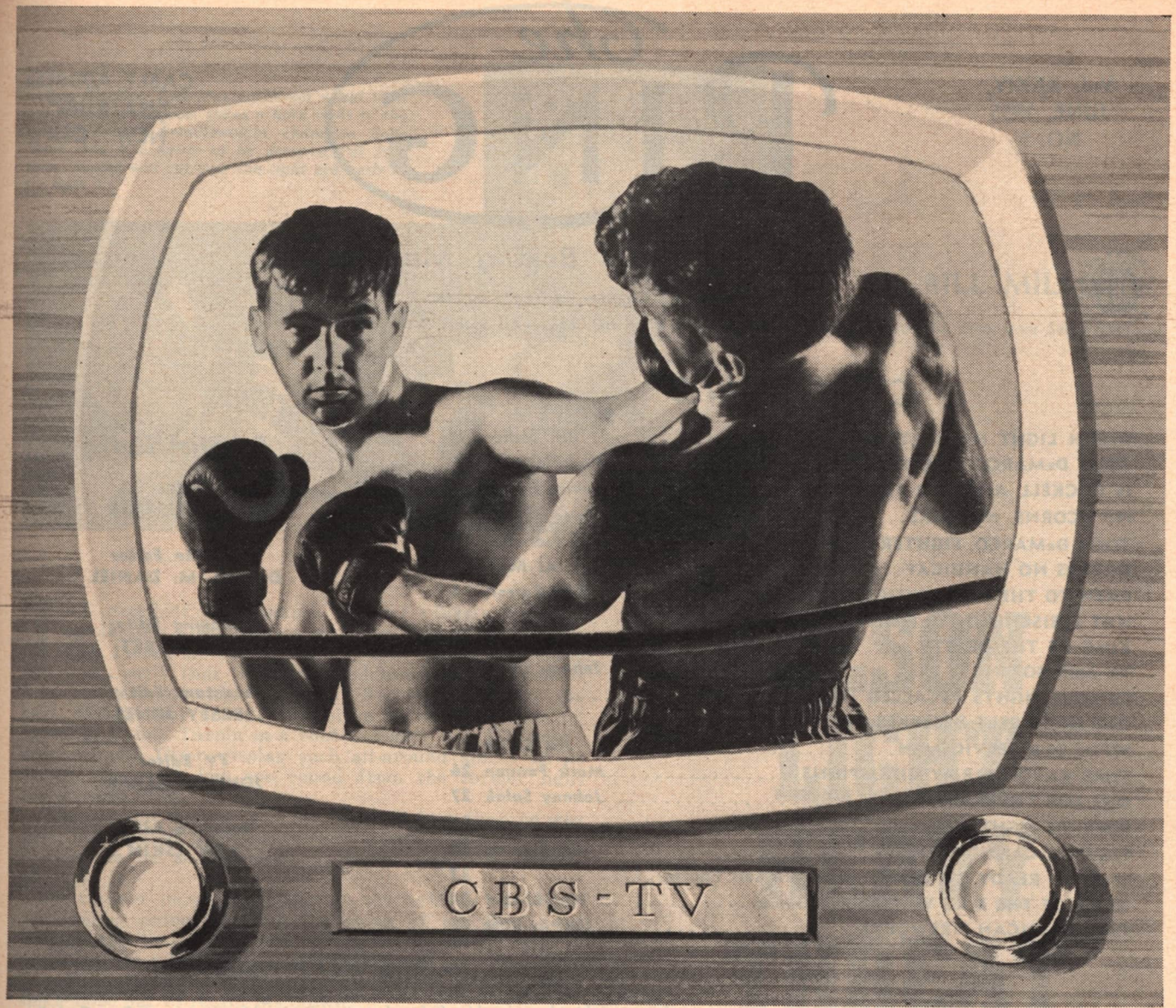

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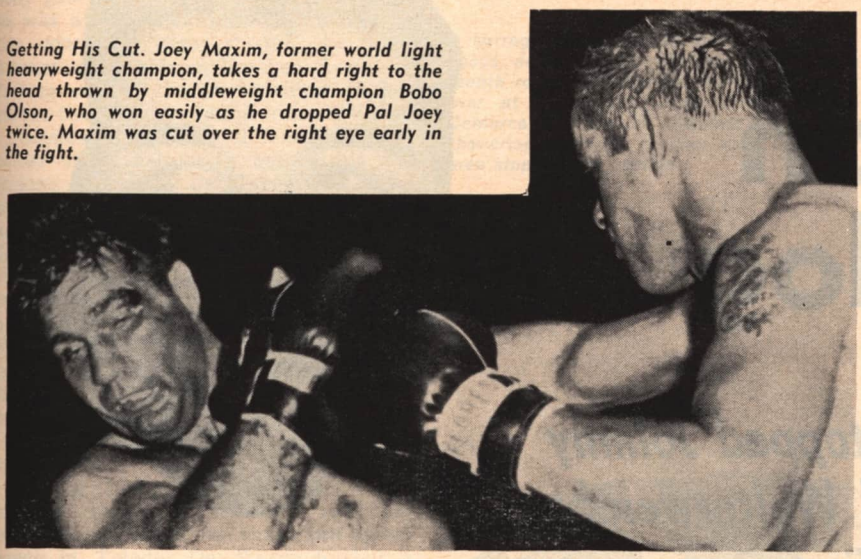


Getting His Cut. Joey Maxim, former world light heavyweight champion, takes a hard right to the head thrown by middleweight champion Bobo Olson, who won easily as he dropped Pal Joey twice. Maxim was cut over the right eye early in the fight.

OLSON LIGHT HEAVY THREAT

By **BILL MILLER**

(Special to The Ring from San Francisco)

THE excellent performance of Carl (Bobo) Olson in outclassing Joey Maxim in a ten round bout at the Cow Palace in which Olson fought out of his class, indicated clearly that the world middleweight champion is ready to step up and challenge Archie Moore for the light heavyweight crown. Not since he won the title by defeating Randy Turpin in a bout to decide Ray Robinson's successor, did Olson display such all-around ability as he did in taking all but one round from the former light heavyweight king.

Olson proved that he is a far better fighter than he was when he annexed the middleweight crown. The two clean knockdowns he scored against Maxim added to Olson's prestige.

The manner in which he carried the fight to his bigger and heavier opponent from the clang of the first gong through the tenth with the exception of the seventh in which he took a breather, caused fistic experts to give Bobo a good chance should he face Moore. Archie would have to knock Bobo out to retain his crown.

The chances of Moore going the distance of fifteen rounds with the fast-travelling Olson wouldn't be too encouraging for the aging light heavyweight king. Moore would have to show much more than he did against Harold Johnson.

Although Olson lacks the flash of a Sugar Ray Robinson, he is a steady, well polished and as good at long range as he is on infighting. He is one of the best ring mechanics in the field today, can take it and dish it out as Joey Maxim can testify after the beating he received from the middleweight king.

A Moore-Olson fight looms for the summer and if arranged, as Truman Gibson and Harry Markson, representing the International Boxing Club assured Sid Flaherty, manager of Bobo, that it would be, it will outdraw the Marciano-Cockell bout if staged in San Francisco where Olson is extremely popular.

Olson wasted no time becoming the aggressor in his bout with Maxim. The gathering of 13,276 who had paid a gross of $109,082.50 to watch the contestants in this nationally televised Pabst Blue Ribbon bout that was blacked out in the California area, saw Bobo give a display of unusual powerful hitting. He landed effectively in almost every round in his first step in the ranks of the light heavyweights. An opponent of less experience and fortitude than Maxim, would have taken the full count either of the two times he was dropped to the canvas.

Bobo scored his first knockdown in the second round when he cut loose after easily winning the opener. He crashed a short left to the jaw and followed quickly with a right from a short angle, as Maxim dropped his guard. Joey went face downward under the ropes and it looked like the end for him, but he managed to roll back, tried to get up and fell. But though shaky, he got to his feet as Referee Ray Flores reached eight.

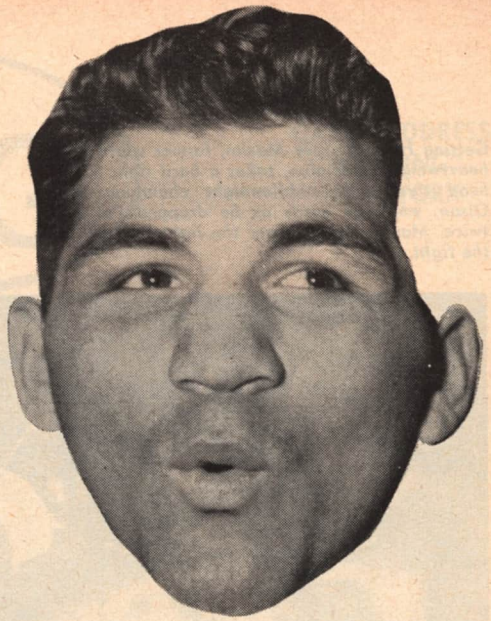
The second knockdown came in the ninth round with the same combination, but reversed, a right followed by a peach of a left, that landed smack against the jaw and toppled Maxim for a count of eight. Though tired from the pace set by his opponent Joey was not as severely shaken as in the second frame knockdown.

In the preceding round Olson had things all his own way. He constantly strived for a knockout. In the eighth session he resumed his rushing tactics, fought Maxim to a standstill at close range, tossed a number of long lefts that landed effectively and won the round handily. Other than the two frames in which he scored the knockdowns, that was his best round.

The final round was one in which a weary Maxim tried desperately to keep out of harm's way and last through to the finish. He did so by clinching at times and maneuvering his opponent into positions from which angle Olson's swings went wild.

The decision of the judges and referee was unanimous. Referee Flores had the score 59½ to 50½; Judge Johnny Bassanelli, 62 to 48 and Judge Jack Downey, 60 to 50. The Ring Magazine's representative had a tally of 61 to 49.

TONY DE MARCO



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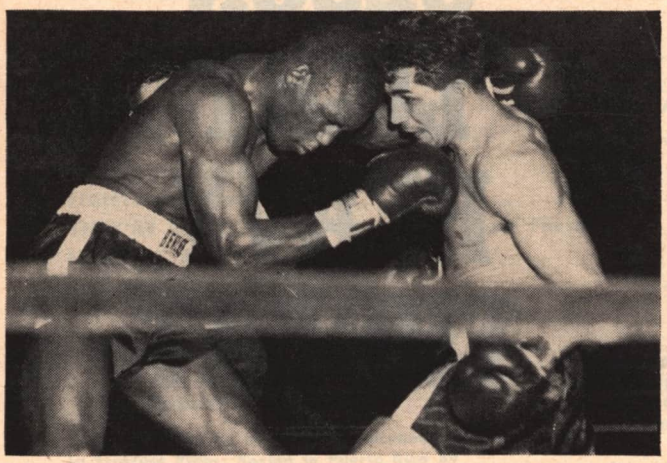
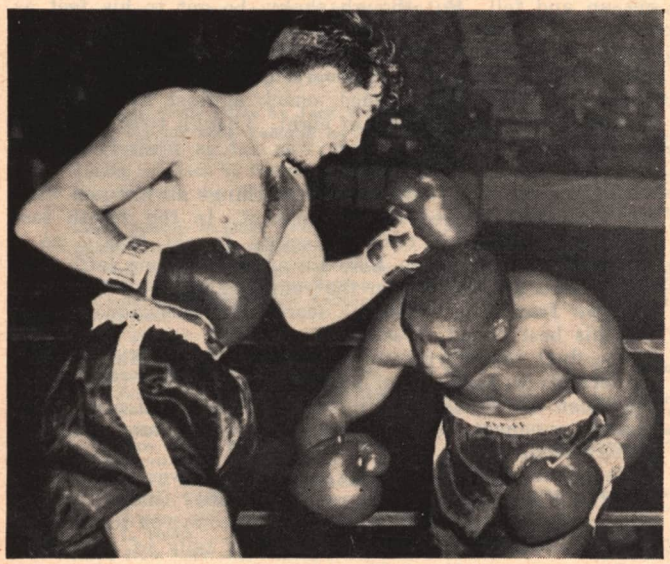
Pint-sized Marciano Stopped Johnny Saxton to Win World Welterweight Crown. Basilio to be First Opponent.

By NAT FLEISCHER



Johnny Saxton (left), whose gaining of the world welterweight crown left much to be desired, fought like a worthy champion against Tony DeMarco and, even in defeat, redeemed himself.



Tony DeMarco (left), fought a smart, infighting battle and although at times he was wild and missed he wore down the champion with body blows before finishing him.

CARMEN BASILIO the Canastota, New York welterweight who twice had been shunted into the background to give way first to Johnny Saxton and then to Tony De Marco in bouts for the world welterweight championship, will finally get the chance for which he has been waiting by virtue of being Number One contender for a long time. But, instead of facing Saxton as was anticipated, he will meet Johnny's conquerer, Tony De Marco, who in a sensational finish stopped Johnny in the Boston Garden on April Fool's Day in 2:20 of the fourteenth round. The Bostonian will make his first defense of the crown in Syracuse on June 10.

The welterweight division has been replete with sensational battles with such hair-raising windups that marked the April Fool's Day battle in the Hub. For thirteen rounds the affair was a see-saw one, first one then the other assuming the lead but with De Marco hitting the harder and forcing the milling.

Then came the deluge. De Marco who had lost the thirteenth frame and had become somewhat drained by the efforts he had expended, suddenly saw an opening. Saxton had come forth with hands low and quickly Tony shot a left hook followed by another and the champ was on Queer Street.

The 8,704 spectators who had paid a gross of $68,717, leaped to their feet and cheered madly. They, like the home town boy, knew that a new champion was on the verge of being crowned.

Saxton couldn't take it and dropped his hands. Now De Marco with fiery eyes, turned what to this point had been an interesting but not a sensational contest into a hellfire so far as his opponent was concerned.

THE champ was decked. He was sprawled on the canvas, part of his body protruding outside the ropes, but he was able to get back to his feet at the count of five though he took a count of nine from Referee Manning. It was one of the three times in his career that Saxton found himself down.

Seconds later, the defending titleholder stood helplessly before his attacking opponent. De Marco wasted no time. It isn't often one sees the killer instinct in a fighter displayed to the degree where all caution is tossed to the winds and the attacker goes all out as in the case of Jack Dempsey in his battles with Jess Willard, Luis Firpo and Georges Carpentier. But that is exactly what was on view once De Marco sensed that he had Saxton in a tight spot.

He wasted no time. He was now the assassin.

Cutting loose with a volley that brought back to memory the assault on Willard in that sun-baked arena in Toledo, De Marco hurled a barrage at Johnny. Left, right, left, right—I counted twenty-seven consecutive clouts to head and jaw, all pegged so fast I almost lost the count.

Saxton was trapped in his corner and there he stood taking blow after blow, with hands down, eyes popping out of his head, an inanimate, rigid champion. Not once did he raise his hands to ward off any of the punches and through it all De Marco whaled away as he normally would when working on the big bag in his gymnasium.

Yet Tony could not down his man again. Saxton passed out of the picture as world champion, standing erect, but unable to offer any protection.

Thus Johnny Saxton, the lad who according to the majority of fight fans and scribes had won his crown from Kid Gavilan unfairly, passed it into the hands of a fighting little demon.

This time, unlike the Philadelphia scrap, those who had upbraided him when they thought he had been handed the title on a silver platter, seen the Boston fight on TV, they would now have sung his praises. He both boxed and mixed it with his opponent. He put on an exhibition that was worthy of a titleholder. Though he lost the championship in his first defense of the crown, he redeemed himself.

It was a fight that lacked thrills until the wind-up, but which by its terriffic, sensational final round will long be remembered by the few thousand who saw it. Television, which of late has had to take much abuse with the showing of mediocre contests, missed something in that Boston scrap. Saxton who won the world championship in an exceedingly poor fight and by a much disputed verdict, had the satisfaction of knowing that he lost it like a real champion. That should make him feel good after the many harsh words that were written following his Philadelphia triumph.

He realized that even in defeat—his first setback via the knockout route—he had much to celebrate because the bout proved to the sceptics that he was not

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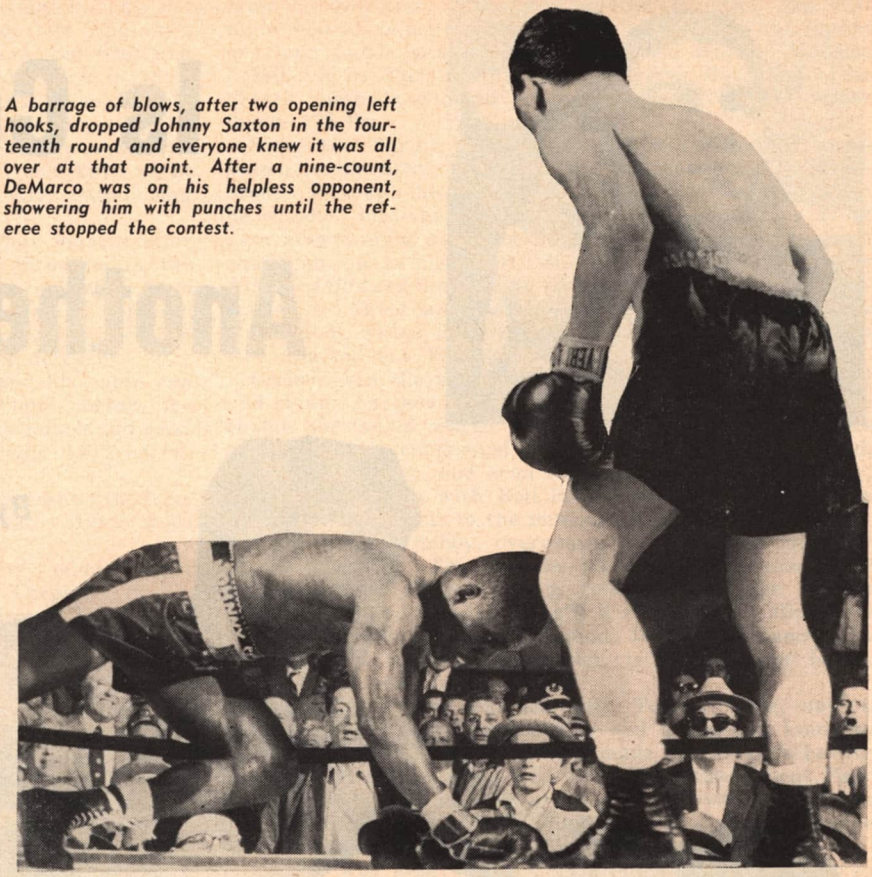
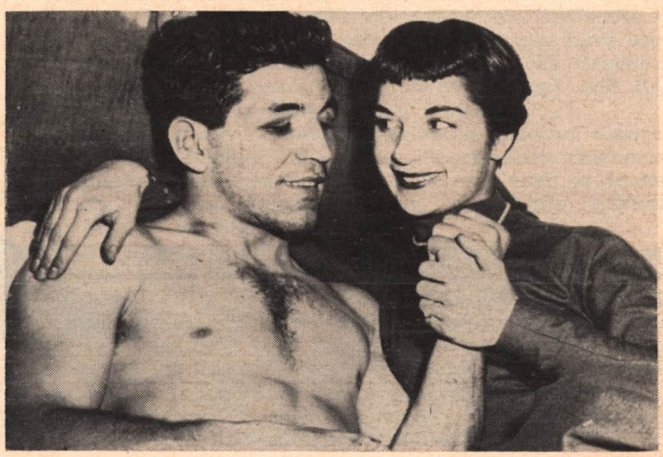
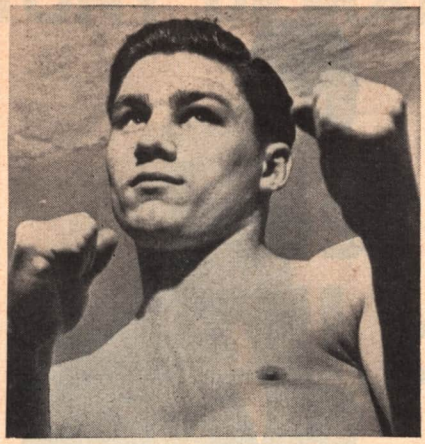


A barrage of blows, after two opening left hooks, dropped Johnny Saxton in the fourteenth round and everyone knew it was all over at that point. After a nine-count, DeMarco was on his helpless opponent, showering him with punches until the referee stopped the contest.

All Over. Referee Mel Manning stops the slaughter, holding off DeMarco (right) as the glassy-eyed Saxton, shorn of his welterweight title, looks on.

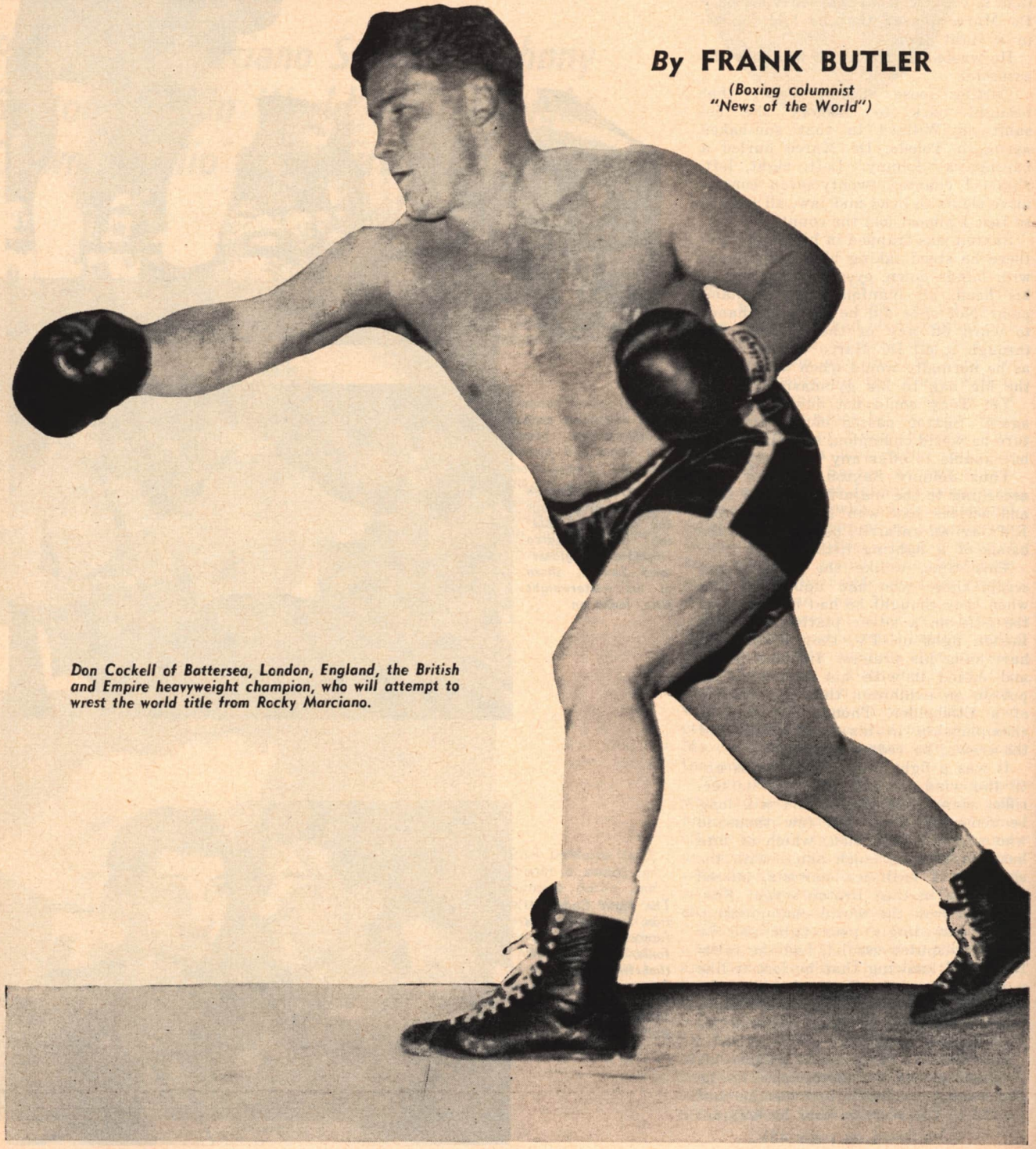


The Right Combination. Tony DeMarco's fiancee, Jo Ann Costonis, holds the left that finished Johnny Saxton and brought victory and the world title to the Boston Bull Dog.



Is Cockell Another Farr?

By **FRANK BUTLER**
(Boxing columnist "News of the World")



Don Cockell of Battersea, London, England, the British and Empire heavyweight champion, who will attempt to wrest the world title from Rocky Marciano.

DON COCKELL, Britain's tubby champion, may not be the greatest heavyweight to have left England's shores since Bob Fitzsimmons became the first and last Englishborn fighter to win the world crown in 1897, but he is the most underrated heavyweights from Britain since Tommy Farr.

Farr, it must be recalled, was never looked upon as even a fairly good heavyweight in Britain until one April night in 1937, he astonished British fans by clearly outpointing Max Baer at London's Harringay Arena.

Few British fans gave him a chance four months later when he faced Joe Louis at the Yankee Stadium in the Brown Bomber's first defense of the title he had taken from Jim Braddock. And Americans gave him even less chance. Yet Tommy, far from being a palooka, gave Louis one of the hardest battles in Joe's twenty-five title defenses.

The most fatal mistake any champion and his camp can make is to write off any opponent as a "bum" before the fight. Even a third rater can swing a lucky punch and grab a world crown if the champion hasn't given 100% preparation for the fight.

Didn't Battling Siki take the light-heavyweight title from Georges Carpentier? Didn't Braddock relieve Maxie Baer of the crown?

Didn't Sugar Ray Robinson leave his middleweight championship in England against Randy Turpin?

In each case, the champion believed himself booked for little more than a workout, and in each case was far from being trained to peak condition.

I don't think Rocky Marciano and Al Weill or Charley Goldman will make this mistake, because while I am not leading with my chin by suggesting Don Cockell will be the first fighter to defeat Marciano since he turned professional forty-seven fights ago, Cockell could prove himself to be another Farr. To those U. S. experts who do not agree, I must ask: Is Marciano another Louis? And by Louis, I mean the superb fighting machine who flattened opposition like Carnera, Max Baer, Schmeling, Sharkey.

Cockell may not be as tough as Tommy Farr, but I will say he is every bit Farr's equal as a boxer, has as good a left jab and fighting brain, and has the Tonypandy Kid's same disregard for his opponent's reputation. Just as Farr was the only man in Yankee Stadium nearly twenty years ago who honestly believed he could beat Joe Louis, I believe Don Cockell will be equally confident he can outbox Marciano at San Francisco . . . and he'll probably be the only guy throughout the United States holding this opinion.

Farr clinched the fight with Louis mainly due to Mike Jacobs' politics. The real contender for Louis was Max Schmeling, who had knocked out the Brown Bomber in 12 rounds in 1936. Schmeling was side-stepped, and Farr given the chance of a life time. Now Cockell gets the slam with Marciano when Nino Valdes, the Cuban heavyweight piloted by Bobby Gleason, probably has a higher claim. But Cockell suits the Marciano camp and the I.B.C. better than Valdes. Will they now get the same surprise as the Louis camp had from Farr?

Cockell has a better earlier record than Farr. In fact, as up-and-coming lightheavyweight, he looked one of the best propositions England had produced in a long time. Then he begin to pile on the flesh, and his battle to sweat off between 14 and 20 pounds before fights became too much for him, and he fell apart one night in December, 1951 when he was shattered in four rounds by Jim Slade. That was the night the Duke of Edinburgh stepped into the ring before the bout and shook the New York fighter by the hand. Slade stood to attention, and went out like a fighter inspired.

Cockell rested for over five months before coming back to win a points victory over Renato Tontini of Italy. His next rendezvous was the defense of his British and Empire light-heavyweight titles against Randy Turpin a month later. Turpin who had won and lost the world middleweight crown against Sugar Ray Robinson battered Cockell to defeat in 11 rounds, but did not land a clean-cut k.o. It was the referee and, not Cockell, who cried "Enough!"

Looking back three years it certainly seems fantastic that the fighter who was so roughly handled by a middleweight should now be fighting for the world heavyweight crown. On that result alone, the match with Marciano looks like legalized murder. But the Turpin misadventure must be forgotten. Cockell staggered into the ring that night just to collect the pay-off for his titles. He had fought one long battle against Nature and the scales. He was licked not by Turpin, but by the Turkish Bath and other drastic methods adopted in order to climb on the scales inside 175 lbs.

Since the Turpin set-back, Cockell has remained undefeated in ten heavyweight slams. His spirit has been unbroken although his former fans ridiculed him first when he waddled into the ring at 210 pounds to make his debut as a heavyweight and knocked out Paddy Slavin, the Irish champion, in two rounds. He remained unshaken when Albert Hall fans laughed as though they were being entertained by Abbot and Costello when he fought the lanky Frank Bell, whose claim to fame is that he is the only man who knocked out Tommy Farr.

Cockell was the short fat man of the act, Bell the tall and skinny partner—or should I say opponent? For seven rounds the crowd roared with laughter as the two fighters of completely contrasted physique and style, wrestled, missed each other, and even fell over each other. Finally, Cockell caught up with Bell in the eighth round, and the referee called a halt to the immense relief of the crowd.

How can this flabby, overgrown cruiserweight fight for the British title? This was the question put by some of the boxing writers. Eight boxing followers and the British Boxing Board of Control thought it ridiculous to allow him to meet the fast moving champion, Johnny Williams, who although not a great title-holder, is an excellent boxer, and a fairly good puncher.

And so Don was matched with Tommy Farr, now a shadow of the cocky fighter who had defied Joe Louis to knock him out. The proviso was made by Britain's boxing stewards that they would have to see how the ancient Farr or the Fat-Boy Cockell performed before giving permission for the winner to meet Williams for the British and Empire titles.

Cockell was kind to Farr. He outboxed him for seven rounds before the referee stopped the fight owing to Tommy's cut eye.

Then to the Williams fight. Fans were beginning to respect Cockell's ability now, but the champion was still the favourite. But to everybody's surprise Cockell did not attempt to rough the highly-strung Williams out of the fight as was expected. The fat boy outboxed and outspeeded one of the fastest British heavyweight in years!

Which proves my point that Don is an intelligent fighter who changes his tactics from fight to fight. He began against Williams by dashing across the ring like a sprinter, clipped Johnny with two left hooks just to let him know right away who was boss, and from then on won the fight with a weapon that was supposed to be Johnny William's best punch—a left jab. It was nearly always the shorter and fatter challenger who scored first, and if he didn't streak to victory, on my score-card he won beyond any dispute.

Cockell then revealed his spirit of adventure by fighting anybody anywhere if the cash was right and flew to Seattle to beat Harry Matthews. It was the first time a British heavyweight had gained a decisive victory against rated opposition IN America since Phil Scott had beaten Vittorio Campolo, the huge Argentinian pugilist, in 1927. Not even Tommy Farr could win one of his five bouts in New York, and while Louis and Max Baer may have been greater fighters than Matthews, who would say Braddock (who came out of retirement to fight Tommy) and Red Burman were better fighters than Matthews?

After this, Cockell came home to win a tame ten rounder against Uber Bacilieri, the Italian heavyweight champion, at Leicester, and then flew off again, this time to Johannesburg to beat Johnny Arthur, the South African champion, in an Empire title fight.

This was a tame affair, but Cockell is only as good as the opposition. He has a habit of rising to the occasion, and his next victory was over Roland La Starza in a ten rounder at Earl's Court, London. It wasn't a great fight, and there was little between them at the end, but I cannot agree with my good friends Bill Heinz and Barney Nagler, who sat at the ringside, the La Starza was robbed.

Two more fights against Harry Matthews followed

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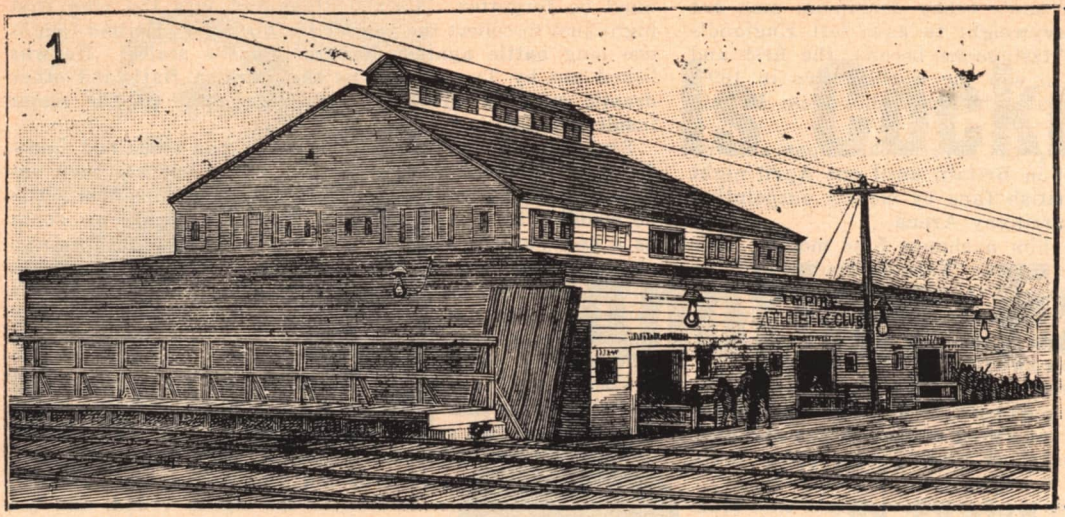


A popular developing ground for young fighters more than a half-century ago was original Empire Athletic Club, a converted barn in South Brooklyn. The Empire, and other clubs like the Greenwood, Pelican, Manhattan and Gowanus, helped to produce many of boxing's top ringmen during Gay '90s and early years of 20th century.

NO ACORNS, NO OAKS

Realizing Need of "Nurseries" to Develop Talent for Big Time, New York Commissioner Helfand Hopes to Revive Small-Club Activity

By JERSEY JONES

FOR one who admittedly was an utter stranger to the sock market when he assumed the role of chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission a few brief months ago, Julius Helfand has made rapid progress in learning the ABC's of his job.

One thing he has learned, and hopes to do something about, is the definite need of revival of small-club activity.

The insatiable demands of major TV commitments are rapidly depleting the available supply of talent, and unless something is done, and quickly, to encourage the development of the "little acorns," it won't belong until boxing will have no "mighty oaks" to exploit.

Getting the smaller clubs back into action, however, represents a difficult assignment for Helfand and his colleagues. Conditions in the New York fight scene have changed radically in recent years, and promoting in neighborhood sluggeries, without the assistance of TV revenue, is a precarious venture. Big rentals, high pay scales for officials and preliminary boxers, and the many other contributing factors that have to be figured in the "overhead," make the gamble a risky one. Even with comparatively "modest" cards, the average show in New York today has to gross about $3,000 to break even—and a "modest" card isn't likely to arouse sufficient enthusiasm with the populace to attract that much cash to the box-office. Fans, accustomed to seeing "name" fighters on television for nothing, can hardly be expected to get excited about paying to see little known local kids belt each other around.

It is reported that Helfand is giving some thought to the possibility of having National Guard armories reopened to boxing, but this hardly seems a solution to the problem. Some of the general operating expenses probably would be reduced, but most of the main items would remain. The fighters would expect their regular rates of pay and so would the officials.

AS this is being written, only four clubs are operating in the entire New York metropolitan area. The leading one, of course, is Madison Square Garden, but because the main events are televised, cash customers have become exceedingly scarce. In an arena capable of accommodating nearly 20,000 for boxing, a turnout of 4,000 is considered very good these nights.

Of the smaller clubs, the St. Nicholas Arena in Manhattan and Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn, are almost exclusively TV studios. Without lucrative video contracts, they couldn't survive. Even with limited capacities, it is seldom that either club draws better than what the trade would call "half a house."

The other small club, Sunnyside Garden in Long Island City, has no TV deal, and promotes on a spasmodic now-and-then basis, as and when it can put together a card attractive enough to warrant the gamble.

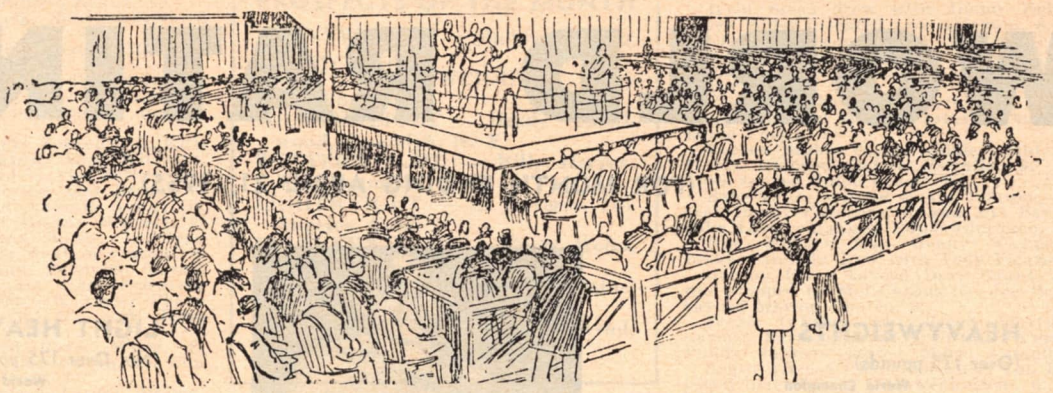
In recent years, the once thriving Ridgewood Grove in Brooklyn made a couple of determined efforts to get back into circulation, but without TV support it had to quit after discouraging experiences.

The Fort Hamilton Arena in Brooklyn, one of the finest outdoor stadia in the land, is planning to give boxing another whirl this summer, but its outlook is not too promising.

WHAT a tremendous difference a few comparatively short years have made in the New York sock market! The advent of TV, of course, has been mainly responsible, but even before video moved into the scene there were ominous signs of a general recession in the trade following the tremendous boom of the World War II era. The quality of the fighters had been declining, and not so many youngsters were going in for ring careers. But there was no dearth of clubs operating, and most of them were showing steady profits. Summer and winter, a dozen or more swat parlors were functioning weekly within a 25-mile radius of Times Square.

All that remain from that lush periods are three clubs operating regularly, another promoting on an occasional basis, and a fifth with "hopes" of getting into action again.

There is no overestimating the vital role the small-club



The Fiss, Doerr & Carroll horse mart in Manhattan's East 24th Street was a lively spot for fighters. Originally known as National A.C., it featured big-time attractions (such as sensational Stanley Ketchel-Philadelphia Jack O'Brien bout), but later became the Pioneer A.C., a popular "neighborhood" club.

(Below) Another early club in New York was the Manhattan A.C., in Harlem, which thrived during turn of the century, and proved a prolific developer of local talent with its colorful neighborhood feuds and racial rivalries.

circuits played in New York boxing through the years. They were the developing grounds for future headliners, for the champions and near-champions. It was in such neighborhood swat parlors as the Pelican, the Manhattan, the Gowanus, the Empire and the Greenwood that Jack McAuliffe, Terry McGovern, Matty Matthews, Kid Carter, George (Elbows) McFadden, Joe Bernstein, Kid McPartland and that colorful crowd did much of their early fighting around the turn of the century, and established themselves as attractions for the bigger arenas—Madison Square Garden, Coney Island Stadium and the Broadway and Lenox Athletic Clubs.

Before and during the regime of the Frawley law, activity bustled throughout the New York area. It is impossible to recall all the arenas of that lively era, but among the many were the Fairmont, Dry Dock, Harlem, New Polo, Sharkey, Mott Haven, Atlantic Gardens, Bill Brown's, Longacre, Military, Pioneer, Irving, Whirlwind, Star Casino, Vanderbilt, Prospect Hall, Olympic, Clermont Rink, St. Nicholas and Manhattan Casino.

Out of them came the likes of Leach Cross, Joe Bedell, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Al McCoy, Soldier Bartfield, Frankie Callahan, Eddie Wallace, Irish Patsy Cline, Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee, Phil Bloom, Abe (Young) Brown, Young Otto, Joe Lynch, Little Jack Sharkey and scores of others who scaled the championship heights or came mighty close to it.

IT was in those neighborhood clubs that sectional rivalry and racial feuds reached their peaks. They produced exciting action and helped to develop some of the finest fighters the ring ever has known.

A typical case was the meeting of Benny Leonard and Frankie Conifrey at the Star Casino, then licensed as the Empire A. C., with the McMahon brothers, Eddie and Jess, as promoters. The bout was staged in 1916, the year before Leonard became world lightweight champion.

Leonard and Conifrey were out of different sections of Harlem, Benny living around Fifth Avenue and 105th Street, and Frankie hailing from Lexington Avenue and 112th Street. Both boys were popular favorites in their respective Jewish and Irish neighborhoods and their meeting became a red-hot "natural." The Star Casino, located in 107th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues, was the logical battleground. It is superfluous to say the joint, with its 3,000 capacity, was sold out.

The 20-year-old Leonard, already a brilliant mechanic despite his youth, had Conifrey so badly beaten by the seventh round that one of Frankie's brothers hopped into the ring to save the Irishman from a knockout. Conifrey's cohorts vented their bitter disappointment at the result by heaving bottles and chairs from the balcony. Ringsiders scampered for safety. Those that could piled under the ring; others rushed for the exits. Brawls broke out all over the premises. Quite a time was had by one and all.

They were rugged days, indeed—but, then, boxing hardly was a refined parlor pastime, and episodes of that sort were accepted as part of a fighter's "education."

NEW Yorkers didn't have to go to Madison Square Garden for their big-time entertainment. It seems fantastic now, but it was nothing unusual in that era for arenas like the Harlem Sporting Club, Manhattan Casino and St. Nick's to stage all-star cards with three or four ten-rounders, all normal main events, on one bill!

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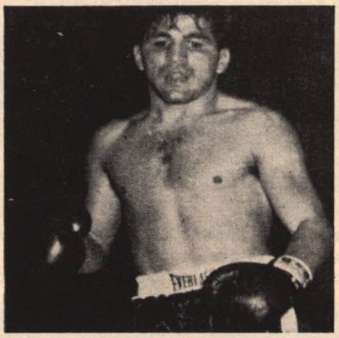
By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

(FOR MONTH ENDING APRIL 21, 1955)



HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion

ROCKY MARCIANO, Brockton, Mass.

1—**NINO VALDES**, Cuba
2—**DON COCKELL**, England
3—**BOB BAKER**, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—**EZZARD CHARLES**, Cincinnati, O.
5—**TOMMY JACKSON**, Far Rockaway, N. Y.
6—**EARL WALLS**, Canada
7—**REX LAYNE**, Lewiston, Utah
8—**HEINZ NEUHAUS**, Germany
9—**JAMES J. PARKER**, Toronto, Can.
10—**CHARLEY NORKUS**, Jersey City, N. J.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Not Over 175 pounds)

World Champion

ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON**, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON**, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**JOEY MAXIM**, Cleveland, O.
4—**YOLANDE POMPEY**, Trinidad, BWI.
5—**WILLI HOEPNER**, Germany
6—**PAUL ANDREWS**, Buffalo, N. Y.
7—**BOB SATTERFIELD**, Chicago, Ill.
8—**BILLY SMITH**, Atlantic City, N. J.
9—**GERHARD HECHT**, Germany
10—**EDDIE COTTON**, Seattle, Wash.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion

CARL (BOBO) OLSON, Honolulu, T. H.

1—**JOEY GIARDELLO**, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ**, France
3—**ROCKY CASTELLANI**, Cleveland, O.
4—**HOLLY MIMS**, Washington, D. C.
5—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ**, Germany
6—**RONNIE DELANEY**, Akron, O.
7—**EDUARDO LAUSSE**, Argentina
8—**JOHNNY SULLIVAN**, England
9—**BOBBY DYKES**, Miami, Fla.
10—**GIL TURNER**, Philadelphia, Pa.

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion

TONY DeMARCO, Boston, Mass.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO**, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**JOHNNY SAXTON**, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**VINCE MARTINEZ**, Paterson, N. J.
4—**RAMON FUENTES**, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**MAURICE HARPER**, Oakland, Calif.
6—**HECTOR CONSTANCE**, Trinidad, BWI.
7—**DEL FLANAGAN**, St. Paul, Minn.
8—**KID GAVILAN**, Cuba
9—**CHICO VEJAR**, Stamford, Conn.
10—**FREDDIE DAWSON**, Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion

JAMES CARTER, New York, N. Y.

1—**RALPH DUPAS**, New Orleans, La.
2—**DUILIO LOI**, Italy
3—**FRANKIE RYFF**, New York, N. Y.
4—**PADDY DeMARCO**, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**WALLACE (BUD) SMITH**, Cincinnati, O.
6—**JOHNNY GONSALVES**, Oakland, Calif.
7—**SERAFIN FERRER**, France
8—**RICHIE HOWARD**, Canada
9—**ORLANDO ZULUETA**, Cuba
10—**JOE LOPES**, Sacramento, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion

SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**TEDDY DAVIS**, Hartford, Conn.
2—**PERCY BASSETT**, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**RAY FAMECHON**, France
4—**CIRO MORASEN**, Cuba
5—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY**, Nigeria
6—**RUDY GARCIA**, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**CARMELO COSTA**, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8—**JEAN SNEYERS**, Belgium
9—**BILLY KELLY**, Ireland
10—**ORLANDO ECHEVARRIA**, Cuba

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion

ROBERT COHEN, France

1—**RATON MACIAS**, Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA**, Italy
3—**WILLIE TOWEEL**, South Africa
4—**PIERRE COSSEMYNS**, Belgium
5—**PETER KEENAN**, Scotland
6—**CHAMRERN SONGKITRAT**, Thailand
7—**HILAIRE PRATESI**, France
8—**BOBBY SINN**, Australia
9—**ANDRE VALIGNAT**, France
10—**BILLY PEACOCK**, Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion

PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**DAI DOWER**, Wales
2—**LEO ESPINOSA**, Philippines
3—**YOSHIO SHIRAI**, Japan
4—**NAZZARENO GIANELLI**, Italy
5—**JAKE TULI**, South Africa
6—**HITOSHI MISAKO**, Japan
7—**TANNY CAMPO**, Philippines
8—**OSCAR SUAREZ**, Cuba
9—**DANNY KID**, Philippines
10—**KEENY TERAN**, San Jose, Cal.

TONY De MARCO, Fighter of the Month

TONY De MARCO's knockout of Johnny Saxton to win the world welterweight crown, gained for the New Englander the top honors of the month. By his defeat, Saxton dropped from his high post to Number Two spot, making way for Carmen Basilio who is now matched with De Marco for the title.

Less changes took place in the world ratings during the past month than at any time since last December. In the heavyweight division though Cockell will fight Marciano for the title, Valdes has retained the top post.

Joey Maxim lost top ranking post by his defeat at the hands of Bobo Olson and is now rated third. Harold Johnson and Floyd Patterson have each been upped a peg.

Bob Satterfield has been returned to the light heavyweight rankings by virtue of his win over Marty Marshall. He is rated seventh.

Marshall has been ousted and Billy Smith has dropped from seventh to eighth due to inactivity.

Pierre Langlois, badly beaten by Humez and inactive since, has temporarily been eliminated from the ratings to make room for Gil Turner who has won five in a row, his most recent victories being over Joe Miceli and Gene Fullmer.

Bobby Dykes, on a winning streak, is now ranked ninth and Eduardo Lausse of Argentina has been returned to the fold in seventh place. Johnny Sullivan has been upped from tenth to eighth.

Vince Martinez has been dropped from second to third in the welter class due to inactivity. Freddie Dawson is now tenth. His eye trouble has kept him idle. Virgil Akins, due to his draw with Johnny Brown has been shunted out of the first ten to make room for Chico Vejar who is ninth.

Ralph Dupas, on a winning streak, has been upped to first among the lightweights, taking Duilio Loi's place. Loi is now rated second.

Omsap Naruphai of Thailand won the Oriental lightweight title by beating Bonnie Espinosa.

There are no changes in the feather class but several in the bantam division. Peter Keenan has been upped from sixth to fifth. Hilaire Pratesi of France, kayo winner over Andre Valignat in a bout for the French bantam crown, returns among the elite. He holds down seventh post and Valignat is down to ninth from seventh position. Billy Peacock also dropped a peg to tenth and Fili Nava of Mexico has temporarily been eliminated to make room for Pratesi.

Danny Kid of Manila, loser to bantamweight Little Cesar and to Tanny Campo, has been dropped to ninth place. Hitoshi Misako of Japan is ranked sixth. Campo is seventh and Oscar Suarez of Cuba is eighth.

Keeny Teran of San Jose, Cal. has joined the select circle. He's tenth.

Here are the month's outstanding results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Baker defeated Julio Mederos, 10.

European Champion Heinz Neuhaus defeated Hein Ten Hoff, 10.

Tommy Jackson outscored Archie McBride, 10.

Ingemar Johansson won on disqualification from Aldo Pellegrini, 5. Bert Whitehurst kayoed Kid Saucer, 3. Joe Lindsay stopped Bo Willis, 8.

After polishing off Steve Zoravich, 5, Kitione Lave was held to draw by Allan Williams, 12. Joey Rowan defeated Wayne Bethea, 10.

Embrell Davidson defeated Alex Brown, 6. Rinaldo Ansaloni kayoed Antonio Acita, 10.

Pat McMurtry kayoed Murray Bennett, 3. Emil Brtko kayoed Gene White, 1. Gene Brixon and Amos Lincoln went to a draw, 8.

Jack Nelson kayoed Ron Peterson, 6, and upset Harley Breshears, 10. Hans Friedrich decisioned Gene Thompson, 10. Oscar Pharo decisioned Bobby Spaeth, 10, and Jesse Alonzo, 10.

Bobby Quinn defeated Roger Wiley, 8. Howie Turner whipped Alex Brown, 6. Don Jasper stopped Munroe Gage, 2.

Clarence Williams kayoed Freddy Brown, 1. Gerry Buchanan kayoed Frank Morasco, 2. Frank Williams whipped Dave Ragus, 6.

John Orgen outscored Dave Bondulick, 6. Ken Hammer drew with Johnny Dupree, 6. Harry Wills and Tiger McHenry drew, 6.

Jack Torney kayoed Jimmy Jackson, 3. Bill Parker kayoed Jock McLean, 2. Fernando Fala kayoed Jimmy Brown, 1.

Joe Louis III kayoed Billy Winston, 3, but lost to Jimmy Jackson, 6. Don Tucker beat Jess Alonzo, 6, but lost to Red Worley, 8.

Ezzard Charles kayoed Vern Escoe, 3. Johnny Summerlin kayoed Charlie Powell, 6. Zora Folley halted Calvin Brad, 7.

Harley Breshears kayoed Gene Brixon, 7. Bobby Spaeth kayoed Oscar Pharo, 6.

Dave Ragus kayoed Charlie Williams, 2. Benny Thomas bested Herbie Moore, 6. Eddie Machens kayoed George Kennedy, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Satterfield outpointed Marty Marshall, 10. Willie Pastrano outboxed Al Andrews, 10.

Stan Lotriet edged out Mike Oberholzer, 12, for South African title. Frankie Daniels defeated Henry Taylor, 10. Herbie Hayes outpointed Johnny Jenkins, 8.

Dave Whitlock stopped Bob Wise, 3. Clarence Hinnant kayoed Jimmy Thompson, 3. Alvin Williams kayoed Harvey Fellon, 6.

Bill Lanza halted Jim Cody, 5. Ivano Fontana stopped by middleweight Gustav Scholz, 5. Amos Lincoln drew with heavyweight Gene Brixon, 8.

Lloyd Triplett decisioned Joe Leudanski, 8, then drew with Bobby Boyd, 10. Tommy Ramirez stopped Tommy Smith, 9.

Tony Pacenza defeated Frank Ford, 6. Bobby Lane trimmed Tom Tatum, 8; Tom also lost to Luis Villa, 8.

Herbie Moore kayoed Jackie King, 1. Ed (Polly) Smith drew with Willi Besmanoff, 8. Paul Notar drew with Burke Emery, 6.

French Champion Charles Colin stopped Gunter Huber, 6. Bob Young defeated Joe Grimard, 8. Ernie Giddings kayoed Egray Riley, 1.

Sylvester Armstrong kayoed Cal Vernon, 3. Tiger McHenry drew with heavyweight Harry Wills, 6.

Chuck Speiser halted Wilbur Dilly, 3. Ray Grillo whipped Jimmy McMillen, 6.

Frank McGarry stopped Ed Williams, 5.

Bobby Lane whipped Gene Lewis, 8. Tony Filipiak beat Jimmy Moore, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

European Champion Charley Humez demolished Jimmy Lyggett, 1.

Bobby Dykes outpointed Gus Rubicini, 10.

Ralph (Tiger) Jones kayoed Georgie Johnson, 5.

Eduardo Lausse returned to action and kayoed Sid Edwards, 5.

Ray Robinson resumed his comeback by edging out Johnny Lombardo, 10.

Gene Fullmer scored over Goven Small, 10, but had his unbeaten skein snapped as he lost to Gil Turner, 10.

Georgie Johnson outfought Garth Panther, 10.

British and Empire Champion Johnny Sullivan kayoed Andre DeKeersgieter, 3.

Danny Giovanelli stopped Jimmy Martinez, 5. Jackie LaBua scored over Rafael Merentino, 10. Joey Giambra made his first start in over a year and kayoed Andy Anderson, 7.

Al Andrews lost to light heavyweight Willie Pastrano, 10. Al Williams upset Milo Savage, 10. Bobby Boyd drew with Lloyd Triplett, 10.

Bob Bolton stopped Jackie Lovatt, 8. Sammy Walker was stopped by welterweight Charlie Cotton, 10.

Rudy Jimenez won the Mexican title by kayoing Firpo Gutierrez, 6. Tony Anthony kayoed Said Khelfa, 3; Said had beaten Joe Gomes, 8.

Alfie Sands polished off Joe Pompei, 11. Kid Azteca kayoed Jorge Castro, 4.

Jimmy Palazzola decisioned Jimmy Demery, 10. Chebo Hernandez halted Cecil Hudson, 10.

Joe Dorsey beat Jimmy Morris, 10. Tombstone Smith halted Johnny Houston, 6. Billy Lauderdale stopped Bid Nethers, 6.

Dick Lane won over Ron Milne, 2. Antonio Cuevas beat Jose Oviedo, 10.

Johnny Read flattened Richard Armah, 1. Steve Traitz decisioned Joe Washington, 7.

Terrence Murphy outfought Gordon Hazell, 10. Tom Hickey whipped Charlie Glover, 6, and Young Chico, 6. Ray Drake beat Eddie Prince, 8.

Tiberio Mitri decisioned welterweight Raphael Da Sylva, 10. Everett Vasquez scored over Joe Cardenas, 6, but lost to Baby Ike, 6.

Mickey Savage kayoed Harry Budniewski, 3. Lloyd Nelson bested Al Horton, 6, but was kayoed by Tino Longoria, 5. Tino then kayoed Mario Hernandez, 4, and beat Guy Guerrette, 6.

Red Cogran bested Stan Ketchell, 6. Dick Cutter beat Jasper Hall, 6. Jerry Luedee kayoed Bryan Thompson, 2.

Bobby Jackson defeated Leo Owens, 6. Frank McGarry stopped John Neal, 2. Hardy Smallwood bested Don Bryant, 6.

Gene Lewis kayoed Al Neil, 3. Stan Jones kayoed Harold Redman, 2.

Tony Pelino defeated Tony Renteria, 6. Jimmy Elliott stopped Howard Fraser, 5. Ted Doncaster kayoed Gene Hersom, 3.

Tommy Kirk kayoed Billy Williams, 2. Billy Andy defeated Toby Silvia, 6.

Mickey Rhodes whipped Willie Stevens, 10. Henry Bronko kayoed Ivor Davenport, 5.

Luis Villa defeated light heavyweight Tom Tatum, 8. Leffie Walker upset Henry Hank, 6.

Marcel Piau edged out Bob Croton, 6. Billy Robb decisioned Don Milburn, 6.

Gene Hersom beat Smitty Hicks, 10. Olle Bengtsson edged out Carlo Mola, 8.

Italian Champion Bruno Tripodi lost to Mario Faverzani, 10 (non-title). Gustav Scholz demolished light-heavyweight Ivano Fontana, 5.

Ray Robinson kayoed Ted Olla, 3. Holly Mims defeated Bobby Jones, 10. Jimmy Palazzola defeated Jimmy Demery, 10.

Eduardo Lausse kayoed Georgie Small, 4. Bob Bolton kayoed Curtis Moore, 3. Charlie Goulart whipped Stan Ketchell, 8. Chebo Hernandez whipped Charley Salas, 10.

Artie Towne kayoed Johnny Ford, 2.

Jimmy King and Billy Ellaway drew 8. Andy Mayfield beat Gus Rubicini, 10. Tom Hickey decisioned Prmus Williams, 6. Sonny Bunn kayoed Curtis Coles, 6.

Mickey Laurent whipped Gilbert Lavoine, 10, but, in turn, was beaten by Bill Jo Cohen, 10. Tommy Cogran beat Sandy Baxter, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Tony DeMarco won the world championship by stopping Johnny Saxton, 14.

Ramon Fuentes defeated George Barnes, 12. Virgil Akins drew with Johnny Brown, 8.

Maurice Harper outpointed Livo Minelli, 10. Stan Harrington kayoed Henry Davis, 10.

Chico Vejar whipped Billy Graham, 10. Clarence Cook kayoed Guy Guerrette, 5.

Art Aragon launched his comeback by kayoing Armando Muniz, 3, and Mario Trigo, 4. Charlie Cotton kayoed middleweight Sammy Walker, 10. Beau Jack and Ike Williams struggled to a draw, 10.

Pat Lowry stopped Jimmy Watkins, 5. Ismael Espana kayoed Jose Alvarez Parda, 7, Fernando Spallotta, 7, and beat Miguel Diaz, 10. Paolo Melis whipped Chet Vinci, 10.

Ramon Tiscareno beat Art Soto, 10. Juan Padilla beat AlFonso Flores, 10. Flores then beat Gabriel Diaz, 10.

Frankie Cockrell outpointed Tony Dupas, 10; Tony beat Sonny Amoroso, 10. Al Villaferra defeated Archie Whitewater, 10, and Doug Kirby, 10.

Vincente Echevarria defeated Indian Danny Murphy, 10. Juan Navarro outpointed Armando Rizzo, 12.

Eddie Connors drew with George Monroe, 8; Monroe then lost to Tommy Nee, 10. Larry Baker decisioned Buddy Holderfield, 10. Fredrico Thompson kayoed Fredrico Guerra, 9.

L. C. Morgan kayoed Carl Stafford, 4. Jimmy Perrault outpointed Billy Pinkus, 8, and Abe Cruz, 6.

Irvin Steen drew with Jimmy Fuller, 6. Arley Seifer defeated Don Alderson, 8.

Emilo Jackson kayoed Martin Perez, 8. Gene Takach stopped Jesse Keeler, 4. Barry Allison stopped Benny Washington, 4, and Bobby Barnes, 7.

Fred Terry kayoed Garnett Hart, 1. Bobby Dougals kayoed Melvin Parker, 7, but lost to Eddie Corma, 8.

Reybon Stubbs kayoed Eddie Brant, 2. Gil Muniz whipped Carlos Estralla, 6. Curtis Coles kayoed Guido Picone, 6.

Babe Vance stopped Henry Johnson, 6, and beat Danny Cardenas, 6, and Mel Barker, 6. John Lissy outscored Ralph Giordano, 6.

Itzy Wallach beat Henny Wichman, 6. Richie Cannady drew with Andy Figaro, 6.

Gordon Perry kayoed Dave Grant, 2, but was stopped by Mel Collins, 6. Joe Reynolds kayoed Marion Rhoten, 2.

Jackie O'Brien beat Reggie Martina, 8. Carmen Bartolomeo whipped Chico Corsey, 6. Buddy Jackson bested Mario Calandra, 6.

South African Champion Chris Van Rooyen edged out Benny Nieuwenhuizen, 6. Jake Josato stopped Elwood Davis, 6, and beat Jimmy DeCerio, 8.

Alan Kennedy defeated Frank McKinney, 6; Dick Brewer, 6, and Tom Hendricks, 6. Eddie Oliver decisioned Henry W. Smith, 6.

Sonny Medeiros kayoed Bobby Kilburn, 6. Andre Drille defeated Baby Day, 10.

Jimmy Piper beat Al Magleri, 6; Al also lost to Willie Stevenson, 6. Kid Dussart edged out Bruno Marostegan, 10.

Louis Carr scored over John Barnes, 6. Jimmy Ford beat Rufino Sardinas, 10. Bobby Sanders whipped Al Moore, 6.

Yama Bahama decisioned Mario Moreno, 6. Don Kennington kayoed Buddy Yeoman, 8, George Mocaby, 2, and Joe Mortenson, 6.

Charley Beasley kayoed Polo Patino, 1, and Joe Broussard, 1. 45-year-old Bep van Klaveren continued along winning way by outpointing Emil Hock, 10.

Roland LaPlanche stopped Matias Fenoy, 4. George Carter kayoed Charley Sazera, 2.

Steve Ward defeated Sonny Medeiros, 6. Blas Juarez defeated Jesse Robles, 8. Frank Skidmore kayoed Floyd Sampson, 3.

British Empire titleholder George Barnes drew with middleweight Italo Scortichini, 10. Pat Lowry outscored Pete Adams, 10.

Danny Giovanelli decisioned Chris Christensen, 10. Bobby Douglass beat Jimmy DeCerio, 6. Eddie Oliver bested Johnny Lissy, 6. Dick Goldstein beat Everett Vasquez, 6. Buddy Jackson stopped Earl Batie, 5.

Kid Gavilan II halted Jo Jo Jordan, 6. Yama Bahama beat Iggy Zotto, 6. Sammy Mimms beat James Kelly, 8. Al Hauser stopped Fred Terry, 4. Mickey Northup beat Ray Greco, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Former Champion Paddy DeMarco outpointed Libby Manzo, 10.

Ralph Dupas decisioned Bobby Bickle, 10. Omsap Naruphai won the Oriental championship by defeating Bonnie Espinosa, 12.

Glen Flanagan stopped Billy Pinkus, 5.

Don Jordan defeated Lauro Salas, 12. Henry Davis kayoed Willie Escobar, 2, but was stopped by Welter Stan Harrington, 10.

Australian Champion Pat Ford lost to Lahouri Godih, 12. Jose Arguelles beat Marcelino Pena, 10.

Dennis Pat Brady and Georgie Dunn, drew, 10. Joe Brown outfought Tony Armenteros, 10.

Kenny Lane outscored Armand Savoie, 10. Bobby Woods kayoed Jimmy Savala, 6. Francisco Garcia outscored George LaMalza, 10.

Alfredo Prada kayoed Jose Palacio, 2. Colin Clarke flattened Brian Membrey, 7.

Enrique Esqueda defeated Baby Ortiz, 10. Americo Bonetti drew with Nestor Savino, 12, Savino then beat Antonio Algarabel, 12.

Paul Jorgenson kayoed Harold Dade, 4. Paulie Brooks decisioned Rudy Jordan, 10.

Jimmy Soo kayoed Charlie Cummings, 8, and bested Charlie Slaughter, 8. Kid Centella returned to action after two years in the army and kayoed Nolan Duplessis, 2.

Tony Boraccio kayoed Jimmy Armstrong, 1. George Berry beat Pat Mullane, 10. Nat Jackson whipped Junius West, 8; West also lost to Ray Riojas, 6.

Pedro Pina kayoed Tabasco Kid, 3, and won over Fidel Lucero, 4. Abel Donnell defeated Larry Cantiberos, 5. Jackie Hayden drew with Sammy Fortuno, 10.

Enrique Ortiz kayoed Eduardo Almazan, 4. Pete Kawala bested Sammy Bombiani, 6, and Dick Powell, 6. Salvador Rivera kayoed Beto Carvajal, 1.

Dan Santiago kayoed Ray Carvalho, 5. Henry Brown kayoed Johnny Kamber, 2.

Rocky Sullivan upset George Justine, 6, but lost to featherweight Bobby Courchesne, 8.

Harold Smith kayoed Bill Sheldon, 2. Manuel Mendoza kayoed Marcelo Vargas, 7, and won over Manuel Munoz, 9. Bobby Acusta beat Dee Cosmo, 5.

Roberto Ortega beat Panchito Bolanos, 10. Frankie Madison bested Danny Mendoza, 6. Juanito Martinez scored over Chico Martinez,

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PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT — Buddy Truman, Tyler, Texas

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT — Terry Gooding, Wales

MIDDLEWEIGHT — Hardy Smallwood, Brooklyn, N. Y.

WELTERWEIGHT — Billy Harper, Washington, D. C.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Al Nevarez, Los Angeles, Calif.

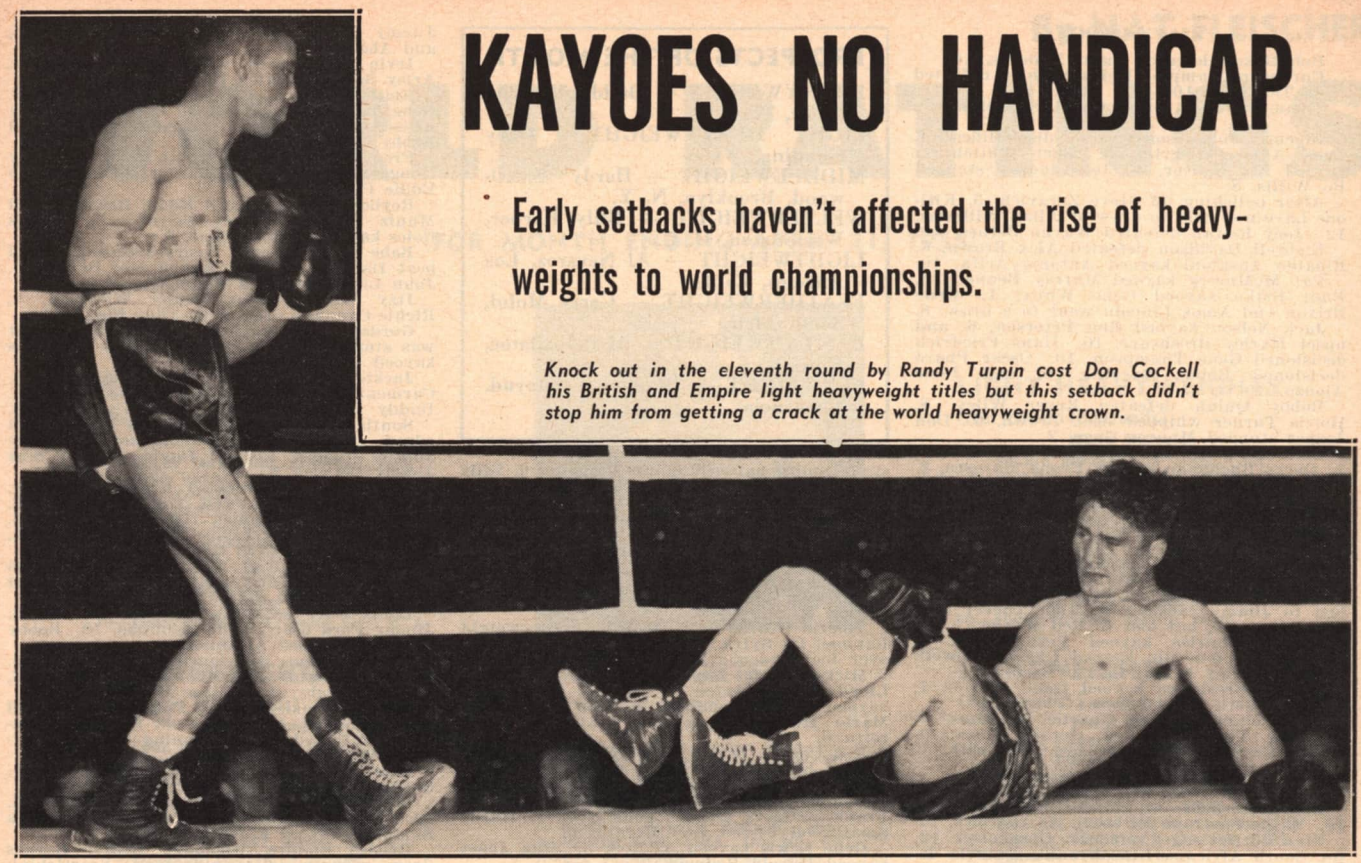
FEATHERWEIGHT — Gerry Moloi, South Africa

BANTAMWEIGHT — Al Palpallatoc, Hawaii

FLYWEIGHT — Ramon Calatayud, Venezuela

KAYOES NO HANDICAP

Early setbacks haven't affected the rise of heavyweights to world championships.



Knock out in the eleventh round by Randy Turpin cost Don Cockell his British and Empire light heavyweight titles but this setback didn't stop him from getting a crack at the world heavyweight crown.

By AL BUCK

EVEN when ten is counted, a heavyweight contender, though down, is not always out.

Going into the ring to fight Rocky Marciano for the world heavyweight title, British Champion Don Cockell has four kayos charged against him. At least, the Ring Record Book says he has been knocked out four times. Actually, a couple of them were of the "technical" variety. Against Johnny Williams, whom he had previously beaten, an ugly gash over Cockell's eye prompted the referee to halt the bout. Don came back later to whip Williams in a third and deciding match.

There was a confusing aftermath when Aaron Wilson was credited with knocking Cockell out in the first of their two matches. Don insisted he had beaten the count.

Later, Cockell was stopped by Jimmy Slade and Randy Turpin, but that was when Don was having trouble trying to make the light-heavyweight limit. He had grown into a full-fledged heavyweight, but foolishly insisted on weakening himself fighting in the lighter division, and it was weakness and exhaustion that actually whipped him.

Still, a result is a result, and officially Cockell, with four knockout defeats in his record, is bidding for the world heavyweight title.

But Don is no rarity. Many another challenger has gone on to the heavyweight title after suffering disastrous setbacks earlier in their careers. Take Max Schmeling for example. The year before he first invaded the United States, Max was knocked out in a round by light-hitting Gypsy Daniels. Schmeling had been knocked out three times before he won the title from Jack Sharkey.

Sharkey's march to the heavyweight throne was marred by knockouts suffered in bouts with Romeo Rojas and Jack Dempsey. Early in his career Dempsey lasted less than a round with Jim Flynn. Every fight fan knows Joe Louis was destroyed by Schmeling, only to come back a year later and win the world heavyweight title from James J. Braddock.

Gene Tunney was never knocked out, but he was involved in a no-contest with Jack Renault in Philadelphia, the city where he eventually won the crown from Dempsey in the rain. Of course Marciano has never been beaten, let alone stopped.

What of the contenders for the title Marciano holds? Cockell is not the only challenger who has had the misfortune to be flattened along the trail he has followed in seeking a crack at the crown.

In the Ring Magazine's monthly ratings Nino Valdes of Cuba is Number One among the heavyweights. Back in 1942 he was knocked out by Julio Lazaro Diaz in a round at Havana. Seven years later Valdes was kayoed in an exhibition at Houston by none other than Joe Louis. Most everybody licked Nino until he registered an upset by outpointing Ezzard Charles at Miami Beach.

Since then Valdes has defeated James J. Parker and knocked out both Heinz Neuhaus and Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson. In the latest ratings Jackson was No. 5 and Neuhaus, the German No. 8. Cockell is No. 2, and while he was stopped by Randy Turpin, world middleweight champion, in a bout for the British Empire cruiserweight title it didn't prevent him from getting the Marciano fight.

KAYOES DIDN'T STOP 'EM

Cockell proved a heavyweight is never out by coming back to triumph over Harry (Kid) Matthews and Roland LaStarza.

The significant thing about the heavyweight elimination tournaments Tex Rickard used to put on between title fights was they never eliminated anybody. Rickard was suspected of knowing the next challenger before the tournament started, and what was true in the mid-twenties is equally true to-day. As far as I know, Jim Norris made no attempt to pair Valdes with Cockell, or either Valdes or Cockell with Archie Moore.

Moore is world light-heavyweight champion, and so isn't rated among the heavyweights. Nevertheless many people sincerely believe he is the only challenger capable of giving Marciano serious opposition. Like Valdes and Cockell, Archie knows what it is like to be knocked out. He has been stopped by both Jimmy Bivins and Charles, and a long time ago by Eddie Booker.

Each of the three leading contenders—Valdes, Cockell and Moore—have been knocked out. The point is all three got up to fight another night. It is next to impossible to

wreck a heavyweight permanently.

Three years ago Dusty Bettor, manager of Bob Baker, big Pittsburgh heavyweight, sat in a dressing room in the Chicago Stadium, and said:—"If anybody will give me $35 he can have him." Nobody would give Dusty 35 cents at the time. Baker had just been knocked out in a round by Bob Satterfield.

Six months later he was knocked out again by Archie Moore. Baker hasn't lost since.

His impressive string of victories was climaxed by a decision over Julio Mederos, conqueror of LaStarza, in Madison Square Garden. He is ranked third among the world's heavyweights, and Billy Brown, International Boxing Club matchmaker, is talking about his fighting for the title in September.

Do you want to bet Baker, once a $35 heavyweight, isn't going to be in there with the champ next fall?

Ezzard Charles, ranked No. 4, is old hat of course. He has been world champion, and since he was stopped by Marciano last year isn't likely to get another chance to regain the throne. Nevertheless there is no reason for Ezz to become discouraged. He lost the title when he was knocked out by Jersey Joe Walcott.

Before Jersey Joe reached the top he had been stiffened by Al Ettore, Tiger Jack Fox and Abe Simon. He had also been knocked out by Joe Louis, and prior to winning the title from Charles had been beaten twice by Ezz.

Walcott became heavyweight champion after failing to win the title in four previous attempts. He had more lives than the cat, and so do most heavyweights, including Charles, who had three chances to regain the crown.

Jack Johnson is in boxing's Hall of Fame, but early in his career he was knocked out twice in succession by a fighter named Klondike in Chicago and by Joe Choynski in Galveston, Tex. They never came any better than Johnson, and yet like so many others there was a time when he had to start all over again.

JACKSON AN EXAMPLE

This article was inspired, at least in part, by Hurricane Jackson. He has been called both a character and a freak, but whatever he is, the Hurricane is back. There is nothing remarkable about his return. Like Cockell, Baker and the others he hasn't let a thing like being knocked out dull his ambition.

Jackson was a sensation a year ago. He knocked out Rex Layne, defeated Clarence Henry and stopped Dan Bucceroni one after the other. His progress led to a fight with Jimmy Slade for the New York State heavyweight championship. This was the same Slade, who had knocked out Cockell.

Slade played it cute. He outpointed the Hurricane, who already had ambitions to graduate to Madison Square Garden. In the Garden, Jackson knocked out Charley Norkus. Then came the Valdes disaster. Knocked out and through—that's what the unthinking said about Hurricane Jackson.

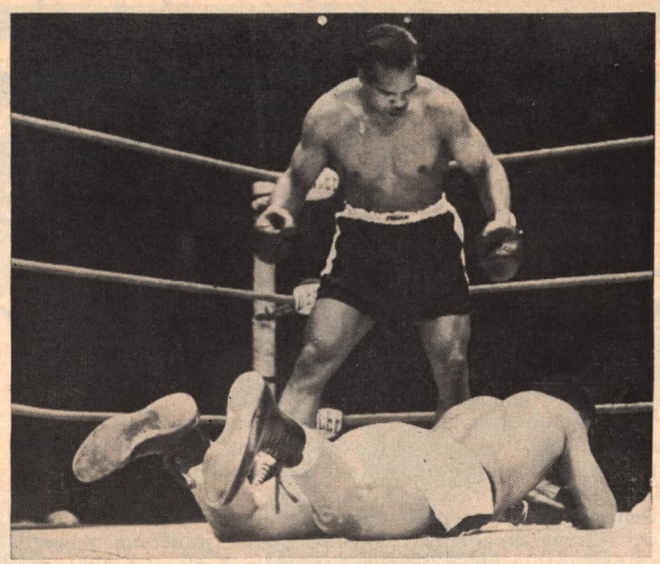
In recent months Jackson has appeared again. The big wind is blowing through the heavyweight division, and the storm reached a climax recently when he defeated Archie McBride, the Trenton, N. J., heavyweight, in 10 furious rounds of fighting at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York. This was the first time since the Valdes setback that Jackson had been seen on television. The video fans liked the entertainment.

Since starting all over again, Jackson has knocked out Keene Simmons, Leo Johnson, Roy Thomas and Charley (Kid) Saucier. The McBride fight went the limit, but the decision to Jackson was unanimous.

In the first round Jackson's left eye was cut when they bumped heads. It didn't bother the Hurricane. Nothing did. He took McBride's powerful left hooks, and came back for more. There have been better heavyweight battles of course, but never a faster one. Jackson may be a character, and even a freak, but he is also a top flight heavyweight.

TEN AND OUT! SAY NOT SO

We now come to the second division, starting with Earl Walls, Canadian heavyweight king. Walls, ranked No. 6, recently fought a hectic draw with James J. Parker for the heavyweight crown in Toronto. Walls has been tipped over three times—by Joe Lindsay, George Washington and Abel Cestac, the Argentine giant, who gave up boxing to become a wrestler.



"For $35 you can have him," said Bob Baker's manager after Bob Satterfield knocked him out three years ago. Then he was kayoed by Archie Moore. But he's been undefeated since and is now the No. 3 ranking heavyweight.

Parker is listed ninth. His goal is the British Empire heavyweight championship, but to get a fight with Cockell he must first defeat Walls in a return bout. Dan Bucceroni took Parker out in two and Bernie Reynolds stopped him in four. Along the way Parker lost to Valdes, who incidently was outpointed by both Moore and Baker.

Following Walls comes Neuhaus, who aspires to following in Schmeling's footsteps. Heinz holds the European title. The German's record against known fighters shows a victory over Bucceroni, and a draw with Rex Layne, but he was knocked out by Valdes. The heavyweight picture couldn't be more scrambled if they had used an egg beater.

Layne is the seventh ranking heavyweight, but like Charles the rugged Rex has been around a long time. Early in his career he defeated Walcott. He has also been knocked out by Marciano, Charles, twice by Earl Walls and by Jackson. After holding Neuhaus even he was beaten by Baker.

The chances are against Layne fighting his way up to where he can challenge for the title. He almost made it, and will be remembered as a fellow who fought them all. Layne is living proof a heavyweight can survive a 10 count, not once but several times.

The 10th ranking heavyweight is Charley Norkus, recently defeated by Charles. He has been knocked out five times, and yet triumphed over Danny Nardico, Cezar Brion, Charley Powell and LaStarza in the past year.

There isn't a heavyweight in the first ten who hasn't been stopped. Of the former champions, only Tunney completed his career without ever being counted out. Marciano is not included as he is still active, and who knows? Cockell may prove a big surprise.

I don't think the picture has changed greatly down through the years. Tommy Loughran, for instance, was knocked out by Jack Sharkey, only to continue on to a title fight with Primo Carnera.

Primo was carefully managed until he became champion. Then he came apart and was knocked out by Max Baer, Joe Louis, Leroy Haynes and somebody named Josef Zupan. James J. Braddock was knocked out by Lou Scozza, and two years before he defeated Max Baer for the title. Jim was also involved in a no-contest with Abe Feldman in Mt. Vernon N. Y.

Baer had a strong chin and nobody stopped him on the way up. Eventually he was knocked out by Louis. Few will forget the brutal beating Lou Nova took from Tony Galento in Philadelphia, while campaigning for a title

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It appears that the path to the heavyweight title is open to any heavyweight who can do any one of several things well enough.

By TED CARROLL

REVIEWING the careers of heavyweight champions of bygone years, there seems to be no set formula for gaining the top of the heap. Two of the greatest, Jack Dempsey and Jack Johnson were as opposite as it is possible to be in boxing techniques. Still both of them are always rated among the best of all time.

The old Manassa Mauler was the living proof of the old crack "The best defense is a good offense." He tore into all opponents at the opening bell and kept punching until something gave.

Dempsey possessed the natural gifts of unusual quickness, inborn savagery, ruggedness, and punching power required by his fighting style. His attack was tigerlike in its intensity.

Johnson was the other extreme. Boxing was originally the Art of Self Defense, and the man from Galveston, Tex. took good care of himself inside the ropes. He was as catlike in movement as Dempsey was, but used his incredible reflexes to avoid punishment rather than to inflict it. His eyes popping, he did a flat-footed shuffle about the ring, picking off his opponent's leads in the air, and smothering his attempts in close.

Johnson reduced Boxing to a science of self protection. As far as is known, he never suffered any facial damage in 20 years of battling. The cut eyes and damaged features so prevalent in his profession, were unknown to him. Not as spectacular as Dempsey, he was equally effective. Johnson's attack was moulded around his defensive pattern. Swift, sharp counters followed the blocking of his opponents blows. He seldom led himself but once his opponents did, his retaliation was sudden and decisive.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN the idol of the late 19th century was strictly the Dempsey type. He was a brawling, slam-banging fellow who excited the public in his day as much as Dempsey did a generation later.

Corbett, his successor was the first of the Fancy Dans among the big boys. The contrast between him and John L. was as marked as that between Tunney and Dempsey.

According to oldtimers James J. Jeffries' assets were a bear-like resistance to punishment, and strength. Jeff must have had these in excess, for heavyweights with such qualifications have come and gone without getting anywhere.

Bob Fitzsimmons rode to fame on what the imaginative sports scribes of the Gay Nineties called the "solar plexus" punch. This was obviously nothing more than an ordinary punch to the body but the term fascinated the guys and dolls of those days and Fitz' "solar plexus" punch was a household word for years thereafter.

The old Boy must have been a mighty walloper, since Jack Johnson years later always insisted that the freckled Englishman hit him harder than anybody ever did. Fitz was ancient when Johnson got around to him but to hear Jack tell it he still packed a wallop.

Willard was unique in that he was one of few to make headway in the ring aided mainly by size. The Tall Pine of the Pottawatomie differed from most of the other ring giants in that he was almost immune to punishment when in top shape. Nearly all the other ring giants turned to be collapsible when hit on the chin, but not Willard. He sopped up enough punishment to flatten a ring full of ordinary heavies when he met Dempsey in Toledo. 6 feet 6 ins. tall and 250 lbs, he was a towering specimen and the first real giant to win a modern heavyweight championship.

TUNNEY was very much of the Johnson-Corbett school. He applied the methods of a student to his boxing. He carefully disagnosed the ring styles of his foes, came to certain conclusions and then acted accordingly.

Completely befuddled by Harry Greb at first, he went into conference with himself and finally solved the Greb problem. He reasoned that Georges Carpentier was too frail to stand body punishment and concentrated on the Frenchman's mid-section.

He figured the way to halt Dempsey was to take the steam out of Jack's opening burst by getting in the first punch. Going on from there he analyzed Dempsey's style and discovered Jack could be nailed by a right hand punch when he made his opening charge. Once arriving at a decision Tunney acted upon it with automatic precision. His coldly methodical methods paid off with the heavyweight championship of the world.

In Louis at his peak could be found traces of several other outstanding heavyweight champions. Only Dempsey could fire them as fast or as hard. At times he shuffled and countered as adeptly as Johnson.

Only Tunney studied an opponent any more thoroughly. Louis' quality as a student of boxing styles is brought out by the disaster that befell all his opponents the second time they tried it with Joe. Joe invariably had the correct answers for maneuvers and tactics that befuddled him the first time, the next time they were tried by an opponent.

In his two-handed punching power could be found the key to Louis greatness. He was a great hitter with either his left or his right. Added to this his left jab was an offensive weapon, unlike the lefts of Tunney or Corbett which were mainly defensive.

Old George Nicholson, long time sparmate for the Bomber always insisted Louis' left jab was his best punch. "It feels like any other heavyweight's straight right," George disclosed.

MANY a big fellow has set sail for the heavyweight title with only a wild right hand punch but Max Baer is the only one who ever made it. Max had what most of the other wild swingers lacked—a cast iron chin—but he staked his all on that looping blockbuster and cashed his chips when he won the world's title. If Maxie landed solidly only a fighter of unusual quality would not have all the fight taken out of him.

Schmeling was in a fog after Baer nailed him in the first.

Carnera floundered and flopped for eleven rounds but was actually through the first time Maxie tagged him.

Pat Comiskey, the country's heavyweight hope at the time, got hit just once in the first round, leaned over the ropes, and called it an evening.

Schmeling was another one who went a long way on a right hand. Schmeling was a one handed fighter if ever there was one. He made little use of his left hand in the ring. The German laid back, fighting in a stance which Joe Louis called "sideways" and waited for a chance to send over his right. He was a needle point sharpshooter with it, and when it landed it packed plenty of power.

Carnera would come apart at the seams when belted solidly, but to give the big fellow his due, he was a lot better boxer than he was given credit for being. Joe Louis among others is authority for this. Primo also had a ramrod left jab which was an effective weapon. Heavier than Willard Carnera lacked Big Jess ruggedness but moved much faster than was to be expected from a man of his 260 lb. bulk.

Ezzard Charles fitted neatly into the Corbett-Tunney school. No punchers, they had a scientific approach towards winning the big title. Charles boxed well enough to win the world's heavyweight crown although only a light heavyweight, a notable feat.

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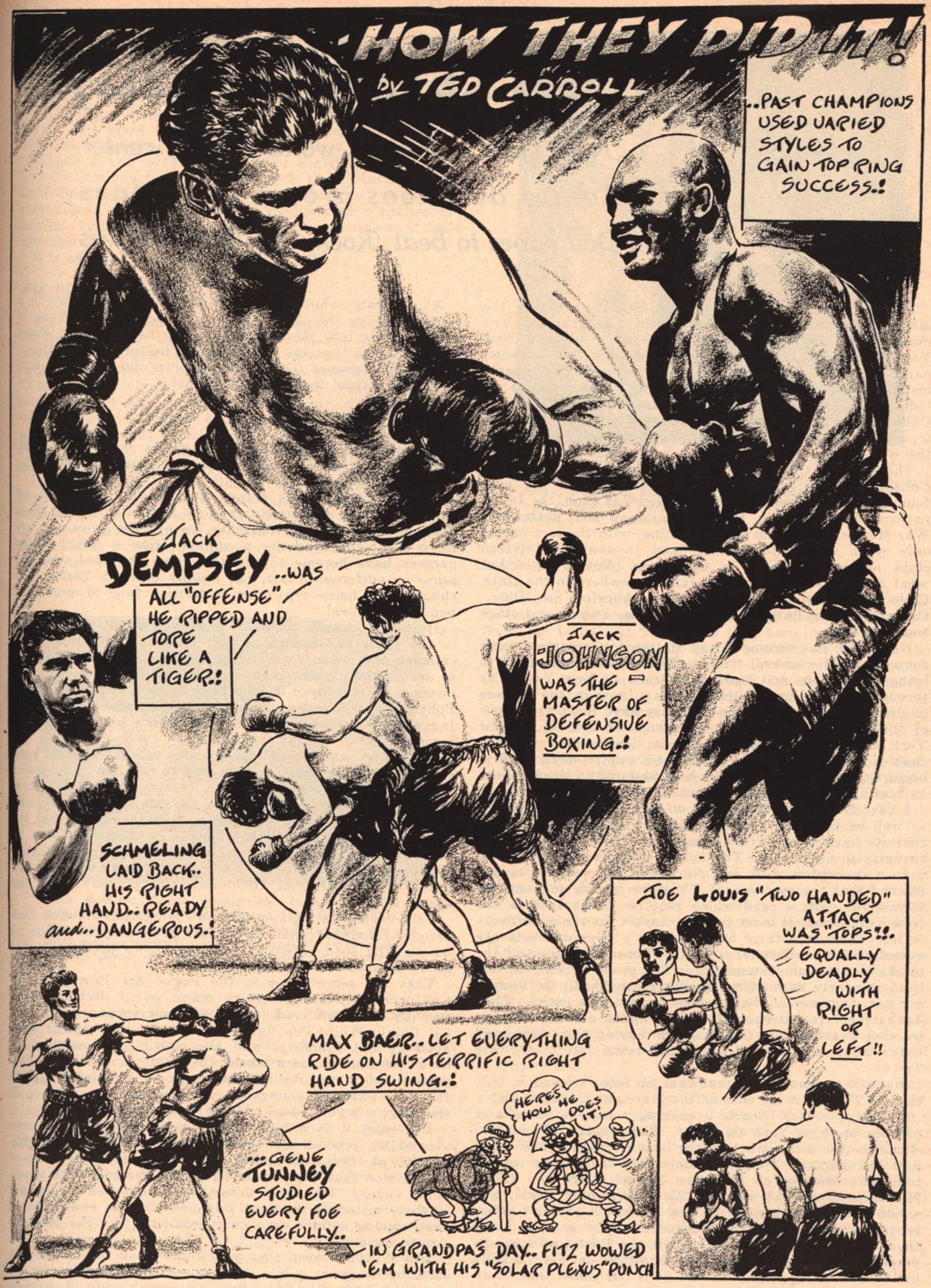
HOW THEY DID IT!
by TED CARROLL
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JACK DEMPSEY ..WAS ALL "OFFENSE" HE RIPPED AND TORE LIKE A TIGER..!
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Nat FLEISCHER says:

New York ousted as world boxing center
Faulty decisions arouse ire of fans
Don hopes to beat Rocky via Brain Waves

A few weeks ago I flew to San Francisco to see the Macias-Songkitrat bout and while in California, I was impressed by the talent in daily training. Unlike in New York where only a handful of boxers are seen daily as compared to a few years ago when the accommodations were insufficient to supply the demand for space, dozens of lads workout daily in the gymnasiums of San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles. It seems that the East has been transplanted to the Far West and that New York, once the world center of boxing, has taken a back seat.

The prestige that was once New York's now belongs to California. Whereas in New York State there are only four active organizations—the St. Nicholas Club, the International Boxing Club, Eastern Parkway and Rothchild's War Memorial Stadium club operating, with the last named only when a crowd-appealing bout is available, sixteen clubs operate regularly in California. Not a night but what a show is on tap for the fans somewhere in the state. Clubs operate in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Oakland, Ocean Park, Vellejo, San Jose, Fresno and other smaller cities.

New York has become a way station for important fistic contests. While several million dollars are being spent to bring conventions and business exhibits to New York City through the medium of the Coliseum, now in the process of erection, fights which in the past have filled the hotels of the big city and brought thousands of visitors to New York are being sent to the Pacific Coast. The city that enabled Jim Norris to build his fistic empire when he first began to promote boxing, has been shunted to the sidelines by him and the fans are wondering why.

I have frequently been asked on radio and TV programs, as well as by readers of The Ring, why so many leading contests have been shifted away from New York and particularly to California. The answer is television blackouts.

In a discussion with Jim Norris on the subject, he explained that the sponsors of TV fights refuse to associate themselves with a card which requires a blackout in the New York Area. It is too large a market for the advertisers to lose. Almost a third of the nation's television sets are owned within a 75-mile radius of Times Square, and the total of potential customers for the product being advertised is nearly 25,000,000. Sponsors can hardly be blamed for not wanting to give up this tremendous outlet. They don't object too strenuously when fights are blacked out in other localities, but they insist on having New York, and that's why so important bouts are being lost to the Big Town.

But what about fights that have no home television, only theatre TV, as in the case of the Marciano-Cockell bout?

Frankly, we feel Norris is making a serious mistake in passing up New York this time. The theatre TV returns should be the same, whether the bout is held in New York, San Francisco or Ypsilanti, Mich. But there's the equally important matter of box-office figures. For one thing, Marciano is an idol with his New England cohorts, who would converge en masse on New York, but couldn't afford to travel all the way to California. For another thing there is a vast British population in the East, and a goodly percentage of it could be expected to turn out for Cockell's bid for the world championship. It is our guess that whatever San Francisco draws in cash customers, New York would have doubled the total.

At any rate, while New York seems to be relegated to a minor role in the American boxing scene, California is being rebuilt into the nation's leading fistic center. From present indications, the Big Town is due for a lean outdoor season this summer while championship and other top contests are shifted to the Pacific Coast.

WHERE DOES FAULT LIE?

Unlimited television of boxing shows is not an ideal, healthy situation for the sport. Too much of anything becomes objectionable.

But TV has its good points. It has made thousands of new fight fans and sports fans in general. Among those newcomers are people who have learned the rules and are fully capable of judging a winner from a loser. Those persons have become the critical fans, the ones who can sense an odiferous affair, can readily detect a barney and shout to the house tops when a decision fails to meet with popular approval.

It is bad enough when an unsavory situation crops up in the game and brings attacks on the sport from many channels, but when exceedingly poor decisions are rendered to arouse the ire of the fans—then it is time for our commissions to take heed if they hope to keep boxing in order. Politics must be ruled out in the appointment of inefficient judges and referees. They are doing the biggest harm to boxing.

Spectators who sit at home, watch a fight closely, keep score and tab the right winner only to find that the verdict has been given to his opponent, become disgruntled fans. When one fighter according to the majority of ringside spectators and scribes has won by a wide margin and the verdict is given against him howls of discontent can be heard in the homes of those who are watching via television. They write to the newspapers about the "robbery" or the "fix" and their complaints are played up by the sports columnists.

Television puts the spotlight on such goings-on. The fans become convinced that all is not according to Hoyle in boxing and soon potential paid customers are lost to the game because of their disgust.

Take the recent bout at the Parks Air Force Base in California, a state in which many weird decisions have recently been rendered. Some 4000 servicemen viewed the Gil Cadilli-Willie Pep fight, given to Cadilli, who is managed by Sid Flaherty, who also aided in promoting the show. Ordinarily, as a whole, the fight would soon be forgotten and in the records appear to be a shining victory for the California youngster over Pep, once the wizard of the ring, a former world featherweight champion.

But—and it is a large BUT—some 20,000,000 persons viewed the proceedings on television. And just about 20,000,000 of them and almost every ringside scribe were of the opinion that Pep should have been credited with a one-sided victory. Oh, these things have happened before, but in those instances the fight was close and we readily admit that scoring a fight seen on television is not the most accurate method.

But it would seem that you would have to stretch your imagination quite a bit, whether viewing the fight on TV or at the Parks Air Force Base, to vision Cadilli the winner.

Definitely someone was off base in that one and it was

probably the lucky airforce men who were on a three-day pass at the time of the fight. Of six members of The Ring staff who scored the bout on TV, five tabbed Pep the winner by eight rounds to two and 58¾ to 51¼ points and the other had him a winner, nine to one with 59 to 51 points.

In the many letters that poured into The Ring office following the weird verdict, almost all readers argued that Pep should have been given the award by a wide margin.

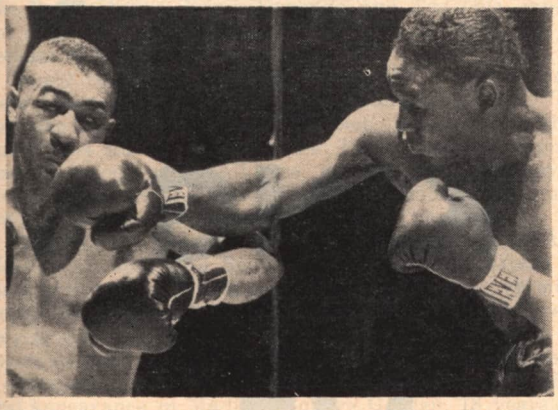
What's wrong with boxing? Poor decisions rendered by biased or incompetent officials in New York, Massachusetts, California, Illinois—yes in every state due to political appointments. Men whose knowledge of boxing is limited are driving away many who might still remain loyal paid spectators at fights.

It is as much a boxing ill as is television.

SEEK DOWER-PEREZ BOUT

The British Board of Boxing Control, backed by the European Boxing Union has requested the World Championship Committee to name Dai Dower as the boxer most entitled to a shot at Pascual Perez's world flyweight title. Though Perez signed a contract giving Yoshio Shirai a return bout in the event the Argentinian won the crown, which he did, the refusal of Shiarai to box in Buenos Aires has prevented that match from being consummated. Thus Perez feels he is entitled to take on any contender named by the World Commission.

Dower, ranked Number One by this publication and the Championship Commission, has made tremendous strides since he halted Terry Allen. He followed that by winning the British Empire crown in a stirring bout with Jake Tuli, then took the British championship by defeating Eric Marsden for the vacant throne and became a triple crown wearer

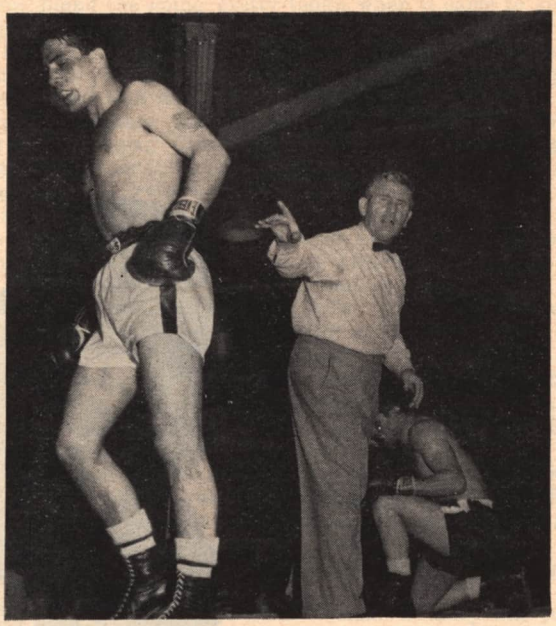


Julio Mederos, Cuban heavyweight contender, lands a beauty to the jaw of Bob Baker in their Garden bout in New York in the opening round of their contests, but did little damage thereafter and was easily defeated. Baker's winning streak strengthened his position as a contender.

when he dethroned Nazzaren Giannelli of Italy for the European title.

Now the British Board of Boxing Control that refused to permit him to accept a championship bout with Shirai last year when the Japanese held the crown because the Board figured Dai was not yet ready for such a contest, is confident that he can take the measure of any flyweight and is ready through Jack Solomons, British promoter, to have a contest for the title staged in London during the summer. In fact Solomons, through "The Ring" has offered Perez $25000 and three round trip tickets to box Dower in May, June or July in White City Stadium.

Dower has earned the right to a title shot. A bout with Perez will fill the Stadium according to Solomons and would be the outstanding attraction for the summer in London. Boys like Perez, Dower, Shirai, Espinosa, Tuli, Marsden, Peacock, Brooks, Macias among others, have done much towards bringing to life the flyweight and bantam divisions.



Jimmy Martinez of Arizona rests on knee in fifth round of his bout with Danny Giovanelli at the Eastern Parkway Arena, after being knocked down and put out of commission with a head and body punch. The bout was halted when Jimmy got to his feet.

ANOTHER BOXING GIMMICK

Back in 1941, Lou Nova, who came to New York from California to attempt to wrest the world heavyweight crown from Joe Louis, put Yogism on the sports maps. He practiced the art in training camp, lectured on it, told the scribes how through this medium he would conquer Louis and then came the day of the fight for the world heavyweight championship and a frightened Nova faced the Brown Bomber. There was plenty of activity that night, but Louis, not Nova, did the delivering. Joe, it will be recalled, knocked out Nova in the sixth round.

Fifteen years have elapsed and now we have another challenger for the title coming up with a fad by which he hopes to relieve Marciano of his crown. Don Cockell is the challenger and "psychology" is the means whereby the British champion hopes to bring back the title to England.

Don, prior to his latest arrival in America to get in trim for his California title bout, had been studying psychology and nature healing under London Nature Healer, Sydney Miller. The idea as explained, was to enable Cockell to lift his mind to such a state of confidence that—simply by thinking—he could take the measure of the defending king of the division.

Discussing the newly discovered method for defeating the Brockton Blockbuster, Manager Simpson explained: "Naturally, we know it will take more than psychology and nature-healing to beat Marciano, but it should prove most useful. Cockell is serious about this theory," he added, "and when he retires from the ring he will take up farming with nature healing. He already has passed several tests in psychology."

If Don should succeed in gaining the crown, a feat which would establish him as the ring marvel of the era, he will have upset all the established tenets of training. But—we look for the worst—just another gimmick lost in the shuffle.

If Prof Miller should decide to make the trip to California, he will probably send telegraphic telegrams by brain wave. Should Cockell fail to duck or get clouted on the jaw, Miller can send up a quick telepathic message that it didn't hurt a bit and continue to sit comfortably watching the fight. According to an interview Prof. Miller gave in London, he contends that the brain messages work as well when he's sitting at home as when he accompanies Don to the ringside.

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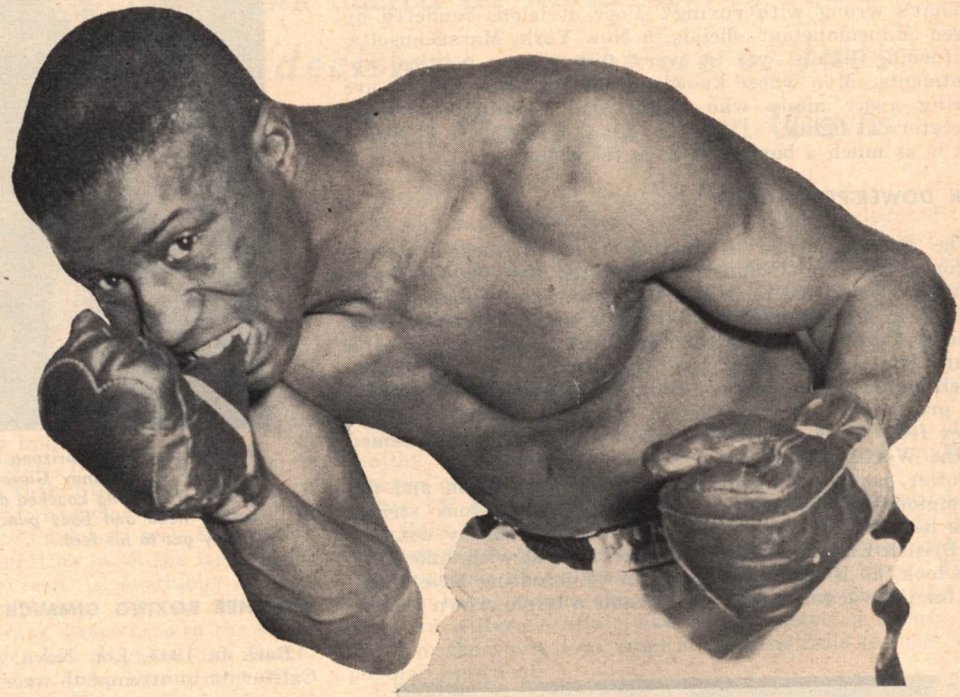
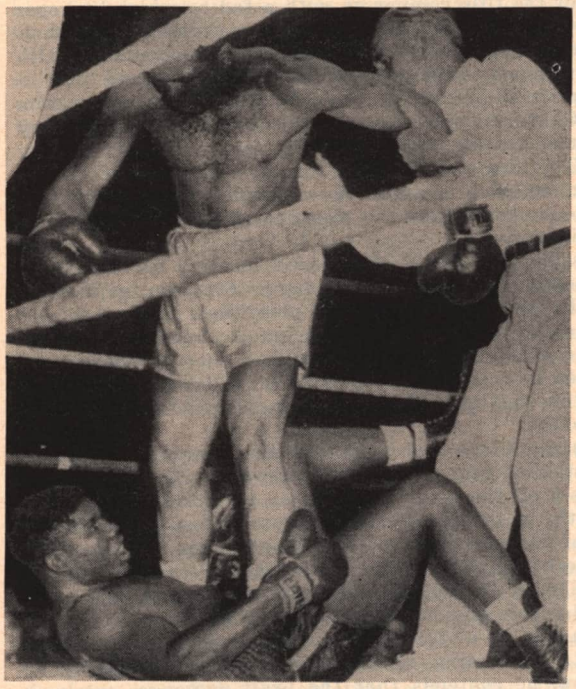


Ron Delaney of Akron, Ohio, who has been consistently ducked by other fighters because of his ability.

By LEWIS ESKIN

KING OF THE BEASTS



Archie Moore seen disposing of Jimmy Bivins in the ninth round of their second fight. All in all Moore fought Bivins 5 times and other top flight lightheavies and heavyweights while still only a middleweight . . . all because he was too good to fight in his own class.

ALL sports have their own quaint, individual lingos, and boxing is loaded with strange expressions peculiarly adapted to the trade. Television has made much of this argot known to the American public, but there is much more unknown outside the trade itself.

In The Ring's 98-page TV-Fights Annual for 1955, two pages are devoted to a glossary of the terms most used by boxing writers and announcers in reporting bouts. But many of the terms used by promoters, matchmakers, managers and trainers in describing fighters, such as Cuties, Spoilers, Club-Fighters, Animals and Beasts, have been left out of that glossary, so we will give you the lowdown on them.

You may think of these names as having derogatory meanings, but it would be far from the actual truth. To call a fighter an Animal or a Beast may well be a very high compliment. Most of today's fans know that a Cutie is a smart boxer who knows all the defensive tricks of the trade. He usually is clever like Joey Maxim, Harold Johnson or Hector Constance. A Spoiler is something akin to a Cutie, except that an opponent seldom can look good against him. Boxers like Rocky Castellani, Bobby Dykes and the Flanagan brothers, Del and Glen, would be rated in that classification.

Some ringmen, with much of the Cutie about them, also have the ability to make good fights on occasion. They not only are smart defensive boxers when they want to be, but they can be aggressive punchers on other occasions. Jimmy Carter, Yolande Pompey and Sandy Saddler would fit into that category.

Everybody knows what a Club-Fighter is. He is the dream boy of TV, the busy, aggressive, hell-for-leather type who doesn't mind taking a punch to take in a few of his own. Probably the best examples of ranking Club-Fighters are Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, Gil Turner, Carmen Basilio and welterweight champ Tony DeMarco. Of course, there are lesser species who often take more than they give, like Peter Muller, Ernie Durando and Ted Olla, who are not of championship class, but are popular with the fans because of their slam-bang styles.

Closely related to all of these are the Animals and the Beasts, the latter being a post-graduate Animal. These boys are too good for their own good. Due to style, ability, punch and durability they are ducked like a plague by possible opponents. All are good fighters. Many are pleasing fighters and would become favorites, title contenders and perhaps champions if given the chance.

For years the present light heavyweight champion Archie Moore was rated as a Beast. Year after year Archie went his way fighting anybody, anywhere. Only a heavy middleweight he fought all comers. Twice in disgust he retired only to return to the ring. In his late thirties, when most boxers are through, he received his title chance and became a champion. It was another two years before he made his first appearance in Madison Square Garden, 18 years after his first professional bout.

Today, he is busy chasing after Rocky Marciano in quest of a heavyweight title bout. The old refrain, *he doesn't mean anything at the gate, no one will pay to see him fight*, is heard again. But Archie hopes and stalks after the champion.

Others active today who had to overcome the "Animal" label before they could reach the top, include Carmen Basilio, Percy Bassett, Ernie Durando, Teddy Davis, Tommy Jackson, Holly Mims and Milo Savage. Savage and Davis fought all over the country for years before they got their break. While Teddy failed to lift the featherweight crown from Sandy Saddler last month, he turned in a good fight against the champion. In the old days Jack Johnson, Dixie Kid, Sam Langford, Joe Jeanette and many others stars had to do the same. They were forced to campaign for many years in the hinterlands, against far less worthy opponents than they deserved before gaining the recognition rightfully coming to them.

In the past, many topnotch men were in the "Animal" category, Jersey Joe Walcott, Jake LaMotta, Bert Lytell, Charley Burley, Holman Williams, Coco Kid, Jack Chase, Curtis Sheppard (he kayoed Joey Maxim in one round), Joe Blackwood, Lloyd Marshall, Tiger Flowers, Fritzie Zivic, who like Moore was a veteran when he won a crown, and legions of others were men to be avoided at all costs. They found the going pretty tough when it came to getting top matches.

Looking through the Giant 900 page 1955 edition of the Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, among the many facts is a list of the boxers who have compiled long winning streaks. Of the active men Rocky Marciano's 47 straight is tops. Close on Rocky's heels is a good fighter little known outside the trade until recently when he upset the then welterweight king Johnny Saxton.

Southpaw Ronnie Delaney of Akron, Ohio is that man. Those who knew of his skill were not surprised. Ronnie, who has now run off 44 straight without a loss going back to August 1948, has a record that certainly should have gotten him top booking before now. In the past, in order to get fights he has had to battle light heavyweights such as Bobby Hughes, Herbie Hayes, Alvin Williams, Cecil Hudson, and Eddie O'Neil, also middleweight Jimmy Beau, Joe Blackwood, Terry Moore, Leroy Coleman, Otis Graham, Charlie Cotton, Lou King, Billy Tisdale, Bobby Lee, Eddie Smith, and Tommy Bell.

In 57 bouts, he has lost only to Jimmy Welch. In seven meetings he beat Jimmy thrice, and boxed him even thrice. These are the only bouts marring his record. In all of these contests, Welch had a good pull in the weights. Last year Ronnie bested Hughes when Bobby was among the top ten in his class.

Twenty-five year old Ronald Norman Delaney was forced into temporary retirement a number of times due to lack of work. In 1953 he fought only once. Last year he had five bouts, only one after May. With the crying need of good fighters for the TV programs, Delaney lay forgotten, When ever his name was brought up as an opponent, numerous excuses were given why he was not a fit foe, "nobody ever heard of him". "He won't draw flies". He makes bad fights. He's a southpaw, "who wants to watch a clutching southpaw, etc, etc".

So Delaney went along winning, fighting for pennies, while others of far less ability picked up the big money.

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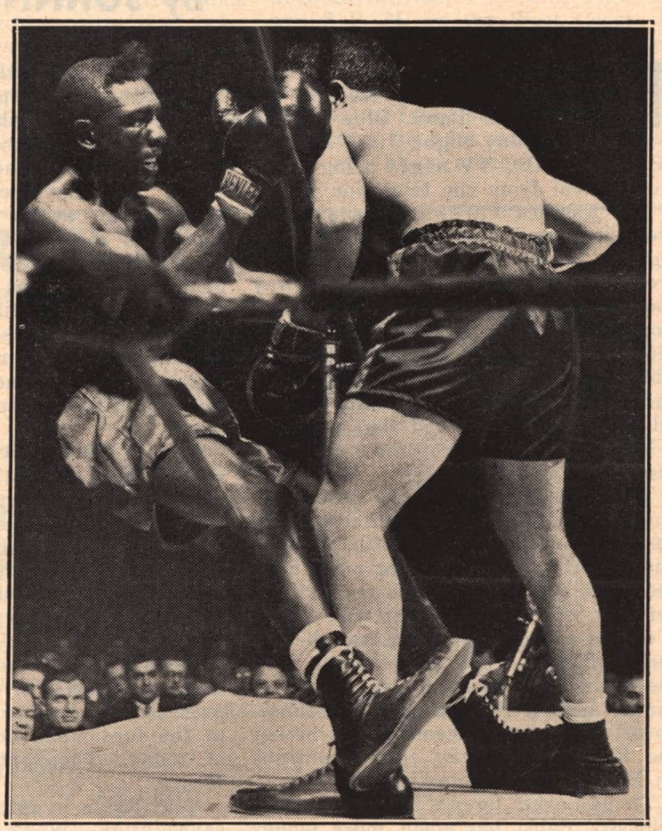
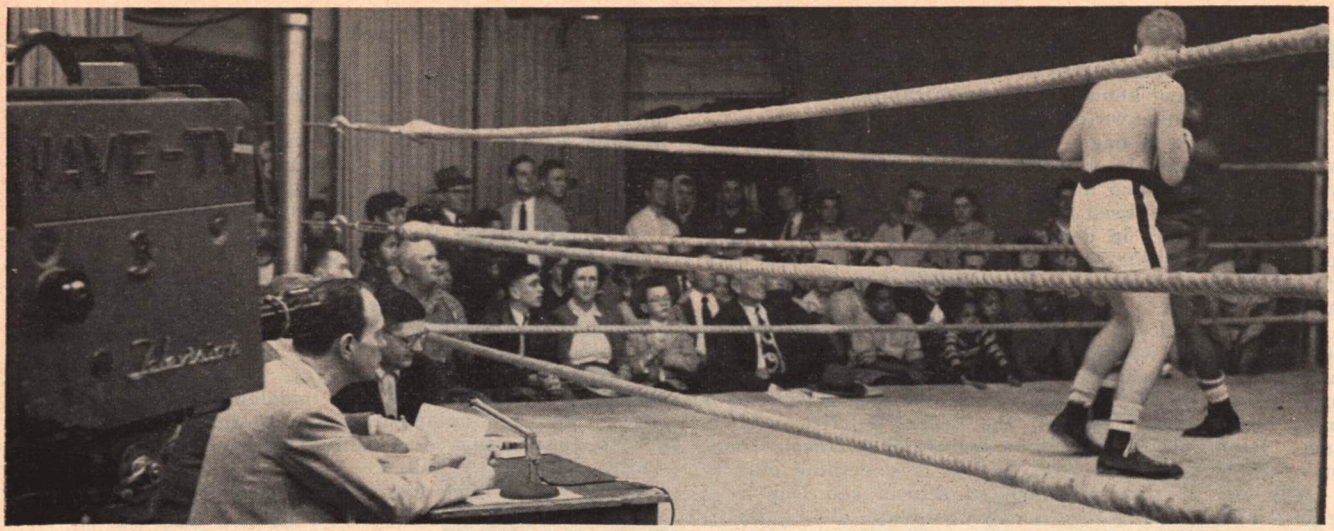


Jake LaMotta, noted for his ability to take it, made too many opponents look bad and had to wait a long time for his chance to reach the top. Here he is driving T mmy Bell through the ropes in a vicious attack in their bout at Madison Square Garden which was won by Jake, in ten rounds.



Ed Kallay (left) veteran sportscaster, calling the amateur fights held at the WAVE-TV studio (Louisville, Ky.) every Friday night. Jimmy O'Keefe (back to camera) is one of the most promising youngsters in the area.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE showdown on network TV comes as we go to press and the move of the Pabst Blue Ribbon bouts, Wednesday night June 1, from CBS-TV to ABC-TV might bring about the removal from the television screen of the Eastern Parkway Arena bouts, over the same TV network, on Monday nights. Latest word from Joe Arata, promoter of the Eastern Parkway bouts, which are blacked out in New York, is that "We are still in there battling for a renewal of our contract," which would seem to indicate that there has arisen the strong possibility of cancelling the program and that pressure is being brought to drop the show from the ABC-TV network.

This pressure, it can be presumed, must be coming from the Pabst Wednesday show and it can be further surmised that some agreement must have been reached by the sponsor and the network when the contract was signed a couple of months ago as to whether the Wednesday night shows would have the boxing field to themselves or not as far as ABC-TV was concerned. Consequently, any announcement on whether the Eastern Parkway shows continue on TV or not, is anti-climatic.

Though exact figures have never been released, Pabst has spent more money on TV boxing shows over the past several years than any other sponsor. Gillette, sponsoring the Friday night shows from Madison Square Garden (and, lately, from other cities) over the NBC-TV network pays a higher set fee for the weekly shows, but the Wednesday night sponsor has invariably gone way above the "set" figure for bouts. They have set a high standard, if not always as far as the matches are concerned than in the presentation of them. It is marked as a "class" program with even the drawing room set not ashamed to tune in the bouts. Strange as it may seem, this is not so with all other network boxing programs and a certain segment of our population would not be caught dead watching them.

The Pabst shows on Wednesday nights have tradition, prestige and money behind them and it does not seem at all possible that they would allow any other boxing show on the same network, regardless of what night or how limited a scale it was run.

Should this be so it virtually means the closing down of shop for Eastern Parkway, which would be unable to run without television, a club that has presented many fine bouts and brought to the fore many outstanding fighters of today. The contract runs out on May 9.

Said Arata in reference to a possible cancellation, "We've been paying $3,000 and more apiece to most of our main eventers. We've paid high to get the best fights. That's the only way to operate. Without TV money we couldn't pay that much and we would rather not continue unless we can put on good shows."

The Monday night fights from St. Nicholas Arena, seen over the DuMont TV network, seem certain to have a contract renewal.

Under the new Wednesday night contract, ABC-TV has agreed to produce fifty two shows a year, with Pabst sponsoring only two a month. The co-sponsor of the show will be the Mennen Co.

TOMORROW'S Champions, seen over WAVE-TV (Louisville, Ky.) on Friday nights, features the finest amateur boxers available in the Louisville area. The bouts, held in WAVE-TV's studio before enthusiastic crowds, are called by Ed Kallay, veteran sportcaster.

The series, which began July 2, 1954, is produced and was conceived by Louisville Police Officer Joe Martin, who has been supervisor of boxing for the city division of Recreation for the past ten years. Martin is also the Ring correspondent for the Kentucky area.

Before the television series, Martin trained on the average of fifty teen age boxers in the Louisville Columbia Gym with occasional boxing matches scheduled in the city parks. Through a series of elimination matches, city champions in the various weight classifications were established. Occasionally,

the city champions boxed out-of-town boys.

Martin points out, from his long experience in the police force, that one of the cornerstones of juvenile delinquency is the seeking of attention, a natural urge with all of us. If this desire on the part of teen agers is not properly channeled, the result all too often is the ganging together of youngsters from various social backgrounds, in search of excitement and perverse recognition through vandalism, fights and murder.

Boxing is a natural channel for youthful energy and Martin has seen many a youngster put on "the straight and narrow" when once interested and participating in the sport.

To broaden interest, Martin turned to television and since July 2, 1954, WAVE-TV has scheduled a weekly series of amateur bouts. Since "Tomorrow's Champion's" has been on the air, Martin now supervises the training of over 500 boys a week at the gym (as contrasted to 50 before the program) and he receives 50 to 60 letters a week from interested boys from all points in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. He also receives hundreds of telephone calls each week from boys at the gym, his home and at the police station.

Jimmy O'Keefe is one of the most promising amateur boxers to be trained by Martin. O'Keefe came to him at the age of 14 (three years ago), showing great interest in the ring and the phsyical potential to develop. Impressed, Martin called in his friend Charley Jones, who had been the manager of Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion of the world. They are now co-trainers of O'Keefe. The youngster, a light heavyweight, has had 28 amateur bouts, winning 25, 17 of them by knockout.

Martin is an ex-fighter, who began his amateur career at the age of 13. He won the Arizona amateur middleweight championship, the Pacific Coast Diamond Belt title in San Francisco, the Colorado middle and light heavyweight championships, and was captain of the Tempe Arizona State College boxing team.

Too much credit cannot be given to Martin and WAVE-TV for the fine work they are doing with this type of program and the interest in it, mainly on the part of youngsters, shows what a splendid success it is.

JACK DEMPSEY, refereeing a match in Houston, Texas, recently took time out to tear into television, saying that "it is killing the small clubs."

"The fight game needs those small clubs; that's where your good fighters come from," he said. "They learn how to fight there, learn to eat, think and live fighting. Now the emphasis is on TV. They get all the good fighters they can for TV shows. There's nothing left for the small clubs so they go out of business."

That, we feel, though the sentiment of most people connected with the game, is rather a broad statement. Like saying: Because of the automobile, all the horses were put out of business or wound up running at Jamaica. Television is here to stay (well, now, that's settled) and boxing and all other sports will have to live with it. There has been a definite trend in all reports that we have seen to compare attendance and receipts figures with the zany, illusion-filled days of the war and the booming times that still followed. But that was not a true index and a false standard to judge business—or receipts and attendances in sports—on.

Limited TV of boxing shows can become a great boon to the sport, creating interest and demand for shows. But a glut of shows can only get every one fed up, dry up the source of talent while closing down the smaller clubs, a condition which we are fast approaching. As far as we can see, a solution must soon be found and the best temporary aid would be to black out network shows in the city in which they are run.

But try to sell that to a sponsor.

CHANNEL HOPPING—Hollywood is filming the life of Barney Ross, former world welterweight champion and U. S. Marine hero. . . . The life and time of Rocky Graziano is also to go before the cameras (after having been booked by Simon and Schuster).

The first televised boxing show was staged in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 31 with Francisco Colon Garcia defeating George LaMalza in the main event. . . . The attendance at Sixto Escobar Stadium? . . . Naturally, it was "sparse."

Motor City Arena, Detroit, has begun televising weekly shows again as of April 26, over WWJ-TV, for a 24-week period ending October 4.

A series of pro boxing bouts are being staged in Cleveland and televised over WEWS on Saturday nights with only a studio audience on hand. Jack Davis, well-known ring official, describes the between round color.

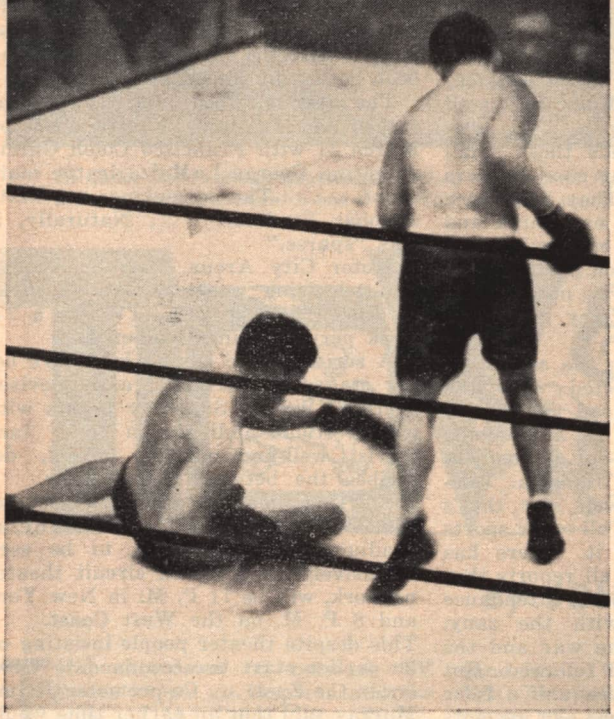
Starting time of the Rocky Marciano-Don Cockell fight, on May 16 at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, to be seen exclusively on a closed circuit theater network, will be 11 P. M. in New York and 8 P. M. on the West Coast. . . . This despite theater people insisting on an earlier start to accommodate viewers in the East. . . . Co-promoter Jimmy Murray said that an earlier time would mean that the bout would start in daylight and finish after dark.

WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

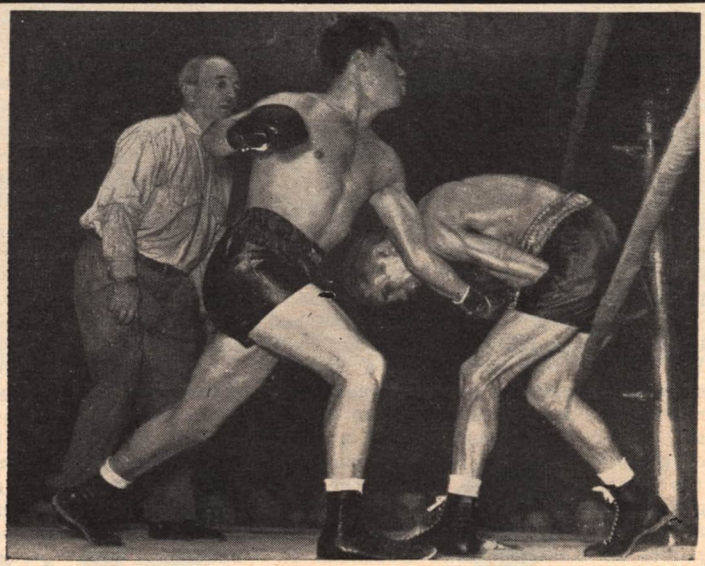
CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
	MONDAY		
* EASTERN PARKWAY ARENA	BROOKLYN	ABC-TV NETWORK	BOB FINNEGAN and TOMMY LOUGHRAN
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
† MONT. ST. LOUIS	MONTREAL	CBFT	MIKE NORMANDIN
	TUESDAY		
MOTOR CITY ARENA	DETROIT	WWJ-TV	BILL FLEMING
	WEDNESDAY		
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	CBS-TV NETWORK	RUSS HODGES and JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
	THURSDAY		
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KCOP-TV	REID KILPATRICK
	FRIDAY		
‡ CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
	SATURDAY		
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BILL SYMES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

* New York blacked out.
† Every other Monday.
‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Bill Corum, announcers.

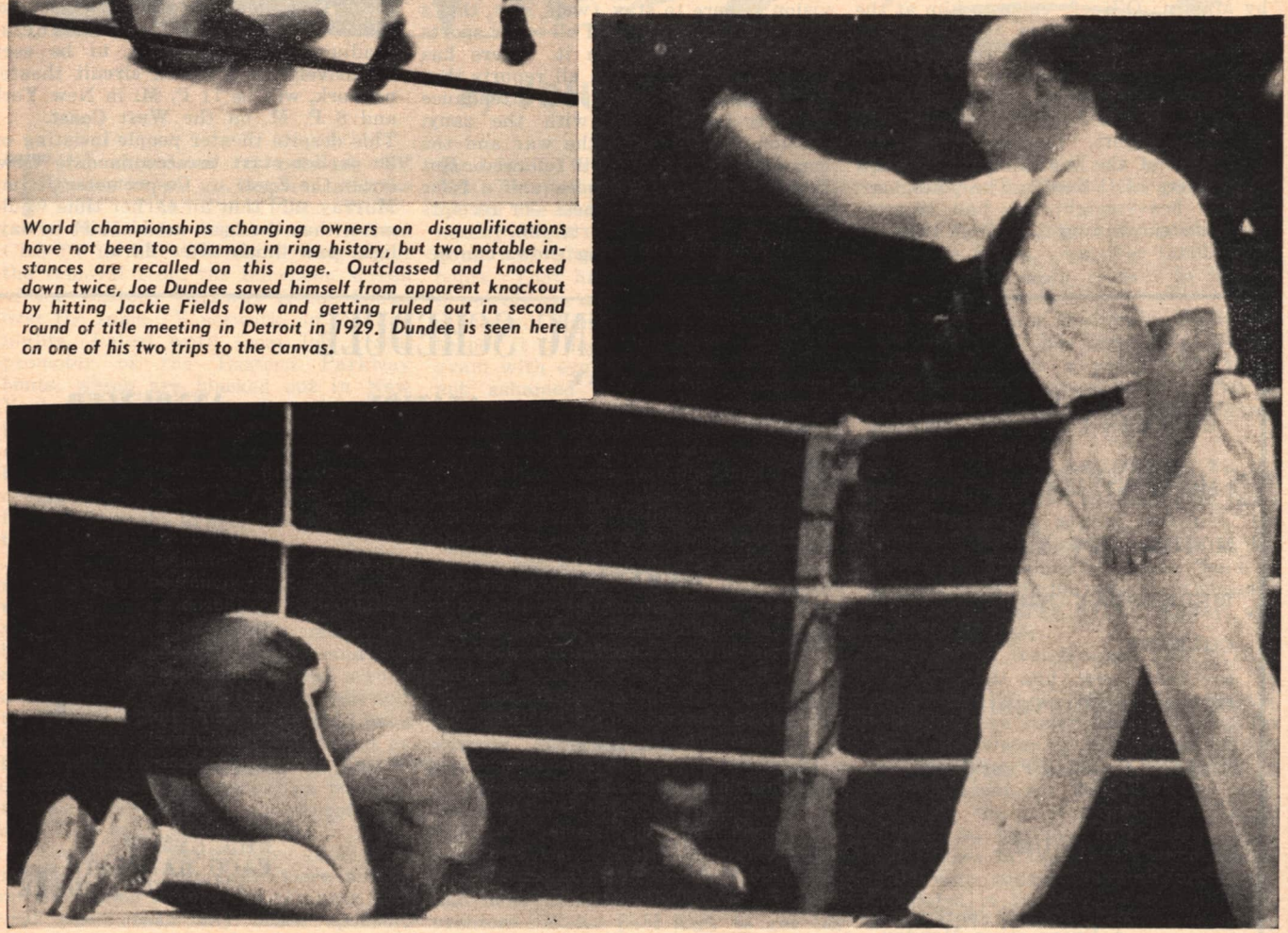
FAMOUS FIGHTS RECALLED



World championships changing owners on disqualifications have not been too common in ring history, but two notable instances are recalled on this page. Outclassed and knocked down twice, Joe Dundee saved himself from apparent knockout by hitting Jackie Fields low and getting ruled out in second round of title meeting in Detroit in 1929. Dundee is seen here on one of his two trips to the canvas.



One of wildest brawls ever seen in Madison Square Garden was 1940 non-title bout between welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic and Al (Bummy) Davis. Infuriated by Zivic's tactics in first round, Davis turned bout into savage foul-fest in second. Warned for hitting low, Davis fired six more blows below deadline. With crowd in uproar, Referee Billy Cavanagh disqualified Davis.



Fouls ended two middleweight title meetings of American Lou Brouillard and Frenchman Marcel Thil in Paris in 1936 and 1937. Both times Brouillard was disqualified. In this camera shot, Thil is down in sixth round of second match. After Referee A. Faloney counted Frenchman out, consultation with judges resulted in reversal of decision, Thil being declared winner on foul.

ONE GOOD BELT DESERVES ANOTHER

Nat Fleischer holds up the 166th Ring Magazine championship belt which he has presented to James Carter for winning the lightweight title for the third time.

ONE of these nights Jimmy Carter will get the lightweight crown knocked off his head, and this time he won't get it back, but there isn't much chance he'll ever lose his trousers for lack of proper support. Jimmy now has three Ring championship belts, and they're his to keep. He can use one for weekdays, another for Sundays, and the third for holidays.

Since Nat Fleischer began presenting these titular emblems back in 1923, he has given away 167 of them. There have been a dozen or more repeaters in the lot, but only four have collected three belts each, and Carter is the only one of the quartet to get his for winning the same title each time. Jimmy has done all his championship fighting as a lightweight. He was given his first belt when he knocked out Ike Williams in Madison Square Garden in 1951. After losing the laurels to Lauro Salas in Los Angeles in early 1952, he came back a few months later to regain them from Salas in Chicago. Then, last year, he came up with another put-and-take performance, losing to Paddy DeMarco in the Garden and stopping Paddy in their return in San Francisco.

The other fighters to receive three Ring championship belts were Barney Ross, Henry Armstrong and Ray Robinson. Ross was awarded one as a lightweight and two as a welterweight, Armstrong captured one each as featherweight, lightweight and welterweight, and Robinson notched one as a welterweight and two as a middleweight.

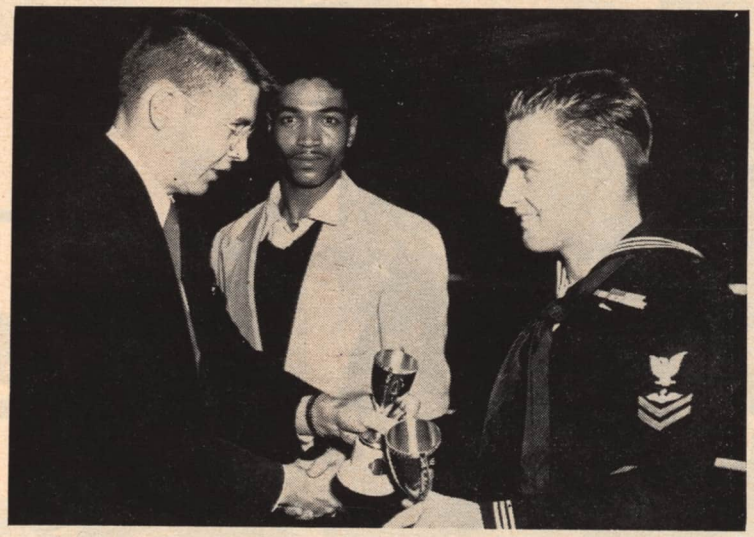
Armstrong's achievement was one of the most remarkable in boxing history. Hammerin' Hank won all three titles—and the accompanying belts—within ten months' time, from October 29, 1937, to August 17, 1938.

Quite a few champions have been awarded two Ring belts for winning and later regaining titles. They include middleweight Tony Zale, welterweight Jimmy McLarnin, lightweights Tony Canzoneri and Lou Ambers, featherweights Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler, and bantamweight Manuel Ortiz.

Fleischer's presentations not only have spread throughout the United States, but to Canada, Mexico, Panama, Cuba, Puerto Rico, South America, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, South Africa, Australia and Japan. Verily, The Ring belts girdle the world.

..With Our SERVICEMEN

By JOE SMITH



AO2 Ralph L. Rollins (right) receives trophy from Paul Cox, Anniston Star Sports Editor, for his sportmanship in fights held at the Anniston, Alabama Playground Arena, Joe Moss (center) received runner-up award.

AL EDDY, is a Navy man with a great knowledge of the ring from the inside and outside.

It was back in 1934 that the young red-haired lightweight first entered the ring in Massachusetts with the hopeful thought of someday winning the lightweight championship as did his idol Harry Greb, who had won the middleweight crown ten years before.

Eddy only remained in the ring for three years, but he had a very impressive record, with only eight losses and nine knockouts in 34 bouts. Being a boxer just wasn't for him so he joined the Army and served until 1940. The day after his discharge, he donned Navy blues and has served on active duty since.

While in the Navy, Eddy has handled two top-flight boxing teams, as well as handling civilian fighters also on his off duty hours from the Boston Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet as a Yeoman First Class.

Within a few months, ring-minded Eddy will retire from the Navy. He is planning to run his own stable of fighters in Massachusetts. Eddy also has three sons at home, which happens to be No. Wilmington, Mass.

Thank's go to Robert A. Cohen, JO3 of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet Headquarters in New York, for this fine report on Al Eddy.

Devon "Smut" Warren, the wild-swinging army corporal from Yokohama Engineer Depot, got off the canvas to kayo Tarue Ogawa in the fifth round of their recent middleweight scrap in Osaka.

The hard-hitting soldier actually got credit for two knockouts in one of the wildest bouts ever seen in Japan.

Warren disposed of the Japanese referee in the third round with a wild left hook. A U. S. Army referee came in to relieve the kayoed Japanese official in the third round.

Warren himself was floored for a four count in the fourth round and then he pulverized Ogawa with a right hand punch in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

Although Warren was the aggressor most of the way with his crowding tactics, the majority of ring experts had the bout even up until the knockout.

The Pocatello, Idaho soldier is scheduled to leave for the States soon and hopes to reach the top of the fistic world.

Ringside coverage of this fight was sent in by Cpl. Walter Rilliet, of the 8056th Army Unit, Yokohama Engineer Depot.

Capt. Larry Boeck, of the Louisville Air Reserve Center who is subbing for Joe Martin, this month sends us the following notes.

A boxing program that carries a heavyweight punch won the commendation of the Louisville Air Reserve Center on April 1.

On that day, Air Reservists commended WAVE-TV, the City Recreation Division and Matchmaker Joe Martin, a member of the Louisville Police Department, for the development of an amateur program that has drawn national acclaim.

Each Friday night from 6 to 6:30 PM., WAVE-TV televises amateur bouts. The station, through a survey, estimated that an audience of approximately 200,000 each week watches the young scrappers.

The program—alertly supervised, captivating in its appeal has served a threefold purpose:

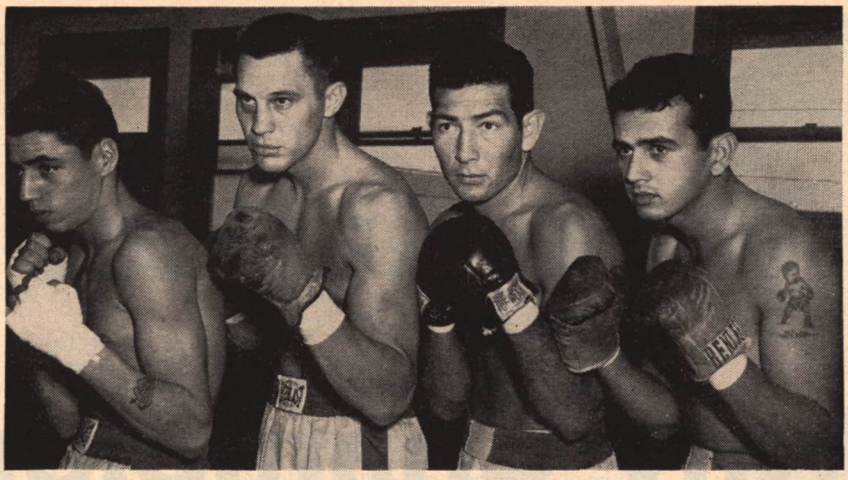
1—From the viewpoint of the Air Reserve, the program is developing physically strong, alert young men who some day might be called upon for military service.

2—From the boxing angle, the program—which now involves several hundreds of boys in active training—has stimulated interest in boxing, preparing some badly needed talent for the pro ranks.

3—From the viewpoint of the community as a whole, the program has kept active in athletics many boys whose energies are devoted to wholesome recreation and thereby channeled away from the growing delinquency problems.

For all of this, Officer Martin, contributing his time gratis, the Louisville Recreation Division and WAVE-TV were commended by the Air Reserve.

Post Cards . . . In boxing from the Pan-Am Games . . . A/1C Joseph



The four members of the Hawaii Marine stable who annexed titles in the Eighth Annual Hawaiian Area Inter-Service boxing tournament at Bloch Arena, Pearl Harbor: (L. to R.) Tom Bonebrake, 119-lbs.; Foster Banner, 178-lbs.; Hermann Mosqueda, 156-lbs.; and Nick Ortis, a Honolulu Boy, 139-lbs.

Durando of Beale AFB, Calif., outpointed Alfredo Cornejo of Chile in the welterweight (147-lb.) class . . . Light welterweight (139-lb.) class A/20 William Morton, Johnson AB, Japan, defeated Edicion Montero, Chile . . . A/2C Jimmy Hornsby, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, lost a close decision to Ricardo Orta of Venezuela in a lightweight (132-lb) match. All three were quarter-final matches.

Parks AFB, Calif., had a treat or a treatment when the Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, sponsors of the Wednesday night fights over CBS Ch. 2 TV . . . donated their entire show to the Air Force for recruiting purposes . . . the feature bout was Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., and Gilbert Cadilli of Los Angeles . . . the only good decision coming out of it, it seems, being made by those young men who enlisted following the telecast.

Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii . . . Army (Pacific) retained its Hawaiian Area-Service boxing championship last night at Bloch Arena, Pearl Harbor.

The Hawaii Marines took runner-up honors with four individual champions and a point total of 11. Army had six champs and 15 points.

The soldiers were almost invincible in the lighter weights, but Marine Tom Bonebrake (and he almost did) pulled the tourney upset by defeating hard punching Mits Okuda, 1954 Territorial bantam king.

Okuda shook Bonebrake in the first ten seconds with a left hook, but the Marine turned instructor in the art of manly defense in the last two rounds to take the nod.

All defending champions kept their titles. Army's Cliff Mokulehua for the fourth time in as many meetings over a two-year period, and *Herman Mosqueda, Marine 156-pounder, became the first man to win a title three times in succession since the tourney began eight years ago by stopping sailor Bill Sherrill in 2:33 of the first.*

Fourth Marine champion was 139-pounder Nick Ortis, whose split decision over Army's Choichi Hokama drew mixed boos and applause. Hokama's slugging failed to offset the counter punching of the Marine. Both Ortis and Hokama are from Hawaii.

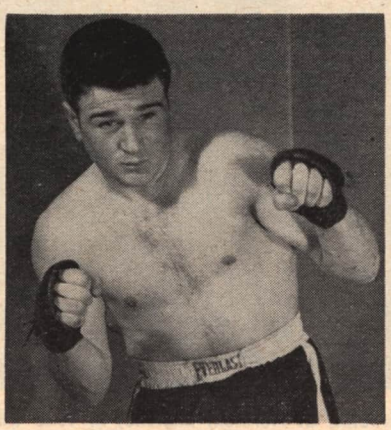
One of the best bouts on the card saw Army welter Ted Flack gain a unanimous decision over Marine Jim Chavis. The soldier had a slight edge in the initial round, and followed his advantage by almost putting the Marine away in the second.

Chavis came to life in the third and final round, belting Flack with flack all over the ring. Officials decided his bid had been made too late, and awarded the soldier the duke.

Army team coach Norman Newmann will take his stable to Oakland Army Base, Oakland, Calif., for the All-Army tourney.

The Hawaii Marine team, coached by Frank Veith, will enter the All-Marine tournament at San Diego, Calif.

Heiji Shimabukuro (Army) decisioned Phil Ortiz (Marines) 112 lb. class . . . Thomas Bonebraker (Marines) dec. Mits Okuda (Army) 119 lb. class . . . George Nakaoka (Army) ko'd Dave Funada (Marines) in 2:30 of 1st. of the 125 lb. class . . . Ernest Dejesus (Army) won by default the 132 lb. class . . . Nick Ortis (Marines) dec. Choichi Hokama (Army) 139 lb. class . . . Ted Flack (Army) dec. Jim Chavis (Marines) 147 lb. class . . . Herman Mosqueda (Marines) Tko'd Bill Sherrill (Navy) in 2:35 of 1st. in the 156 lb. class . . . Alvin White (Army) dec. Jimmy Thornton (Air Force) 165 lb. class . . . Foster Bonner (Marines) dec. Cliff Mokulehua (Army) 178 lb. class . . . Jimmy Gutierres (Army) dec. Andy Brown (Navy) . . . heavyweight.



Eloi Durelle, undefeated Canadian middleweight who is in the army, is a contender for the national title held by Charlie Chase. He is a brother of Yvon Durelle.

Thank's goes to my friend Woody Jones for the above report.

Speaking of service bouts and other amateur contests in which servicemen compete in the UNAPOC's, Branch One of the United States Post Office will stage a Five Star Sports Final, at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, May 7.

Amateur competition at its best, the New York Post Office Clerks Association will again have as its guest hospitalized veterans from the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital. Andrew T. Walker, President and Chairman of the boxing committee, with his very fine assistants will play host. All Golden Glove champions will compete in these fine bouts. The writer will be there also as a guest of the association and of Mr. Joe Kitt.

The Canadian Army boasts of a great middleweight champ in 21 year-old Eloi Durelle who also has never been beaten in a pro fight. He is now a contender for the national title, held by Charlie Chase of Montreal.

Eloi is the brother of Yvon Durelle who has fought Floyd Patterson, Gerhard Hecht, German light heavyweight champ, and Paul Andrews.

Attention all servicemen, would appreciate if you will please write to me, Joe Smith, in care of the Ring Magazine and let me know what you think of this column and if you have any suggestions.

Those of you who have not had your teams or boxers mentioned (and there are plenty of them) it is because I have not heard from your Public Information Office or camp correspondent. So let's hear from you real soon.

Time Kayoes Army Champions

By MARK FANNON

The Eighth Air Force champions and alternates, at Norwich, England, in 1945 when the Second World War was still on: (1st row, L to R.) Clement Marrone, Cleveland; Jerry Pecoraro, New York; Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, Cal.; Howard Moreno, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Primitivo Molina, Concord, Cal. (2nd Row, L. to R.) Chuck Davey, Detroit; Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N. J.; Jesse Puente, Merced, Cal.; Charlie Bryan, Indianapolis; Sal Guajardo, Detroit; Allen Reado, Seattle. (Back Row, L to R.) Babe Marino, trainer; Tommy Carbonero, Brooklyn; Dragan Javicich, Buffalo; Steve Kruchko, Ortonville, Mich.; Jimmy Wade, Birmingham, Mich.; Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore.; Capt Fred Haufrect, Cleveland.

TEN years have passed since the bell rang proclaiming VE-Day ending World War II, the most devastating war of history; it has been ten years since the droning of a thousand planes roared overhead for hours each day to bomb the enemy; ten years since Buzz Bombs sent London's huge population down into the deep subways. A few months later everything became quiet on all fronts when the dreaded A-Bomb stilled Japanese resistance (August 1945). Peace once more!

In spite of the turmoil of war, certain forms of entertainment were needed to keep up morale. Most important of these, to our point of view, was the sport of boxing—millions of GI's were thus made happy from Iceland to Africa.

On November 12, 1942, the American Red Cross took possession of a building in the heart of Picadilly, London's Time Square, and called it Rainbow Corner. On the third floor of this building was a small arena where boxing, among other events, took place. It was a small hall; it could not hold large crowds but it was packed at every show—overpacked would be a better description. Ambitious glovethrowers were as anxious to perform in this attic of swat, the best known boxing ring in the European Theatre of Operations, as they would have been to scrap in Madison Square Garden itself. For the thrills, excitement and suspense of the prize ring were to be found there, complete with a blow by blow account of the goings-on by the American Forces Network. A fan might see Billy Conn, Lew Jenkins or one of his local favorites battle away under the Marques of Queensberry Rules—and all for free. Little would the fan be aware that the Marques of Queensberry formulated the rules, together with Jack Broughton, within the sight of this old landmark.

The Eighth Air Force, with its 300,000 troops (now it can be revealed), had its bases scattered all over the British Isles, many of them permanent bases. This permanent status, no doubt, had much to do with the success of Eighth Air Force boxing, as they were able to capture 5 of the 8 titles in 1944 and 1945, during the height of the war. Although these fighters may not have been the best in the ETO, they remained at their own bases, they had the confidence of champions by repeated wins, as well as a deep loyalty to their units. They were a contented and determined lot—a complete unit, training together.

Take a look at some of the ETO favorites and let's see what they did during their army careers and what happened to them. It must be remembered that many, because they were in the Air Force ground crews, they naturally were older than GIs in the Infantry, for example, and since they were in the service on an average of three years, they were 25 or older by the time they resumed their professional boxing careers. That left little time for them to reach the top. Many a good scrapper that should have made money on his army publicity through The Ring Magazine was quite a worn and faded battler by the time he tried to add to his ring laurels. You will find the names of these gladiators listed, sometimes briefly, on the pages of The Ring Record Book and then to disappear. Is it the old story of father time outpunching youth?

Freddie Mills, the RAF's gift to morale, both American and British, was a familiar face at American army camps, and though he never realized his ambition of meeting Joe Louis within ropes, he did manage to win the world's lightheavyweight title from another serviceman, Gus Lesnevich.

Billy Conn was given his promised return bout with Joe Louis but disappointed his fans by his poor showing. However, Billy seems to have had the last laugh on his critics as he is reported to be financially secure since hitting oil. Billy was luckier than most in that he was the leading contender and didn't have to spend years earning a shot at the crown.

Boxers like Leo Mattricciani, Bobby Volk, hard punching, colorful middleweight, Joe Lucignano, rugged speed artist, Don Webber, clever Roanoke, Va., bantamweight, Arthur Persley, lightweight crowdpleaser, "King Tut" Tabor, first ETO middleweight sensation, Herbie Williams, the ETO Armstrong, winner of 5 army championships, Primitivo Molina, featherweight gamester, Ray "The Whiz" Wyzykiewicz, stiff punching infighter at 126 pounds, Willie Wright, Ohio's classy middleweight, Chuck Davey, southpaw collegiate champion, Allen Reado, carbon copy of the original Joe Walcott, Porky Moreno, former California amateur flyweight champion, Jesse Puente, the Fighting Wildcat, Aaron Kahn, Brooklyn lightheavy, whose loss of an eye in an accident was boxing's loss, Dick Shinn, popular Korean of San Francisco, Jerry Pecararo, the Manhattan Jumping Jack, Vince Padilla, willing and aggressive featherweight from California, and many, many more lesser known but hard fighting youngsters, were on the tongues of every fight fan across the British Isles. All of the above, with the exception of Chuck Davey, held a championship or more. Today, they remain but a pleasant memory.

Leo "The Mattress" Mattricciani, sparring mate of Billy Conn, during Conn's tour of army camps, undefeated in army competition and opponent for Joe Louis and Freddie Mills, never received much from his outstanding work in Europe but cuts and bruises. Leo had plans to acquire fame and wealth after the war. He had plenty of class. What happened?

Likable Leo, of Baltimore, started a little late in pro ranks. In 1946 he got going and piled up 17 wins in 18 bouts. Then came 10 more battles in 1948, looking his best in whipping Johnny Shkor and Bernie Reynolds. Never stopped, he retired in 1949.

Joe "Cowboy" Lucignano did a little

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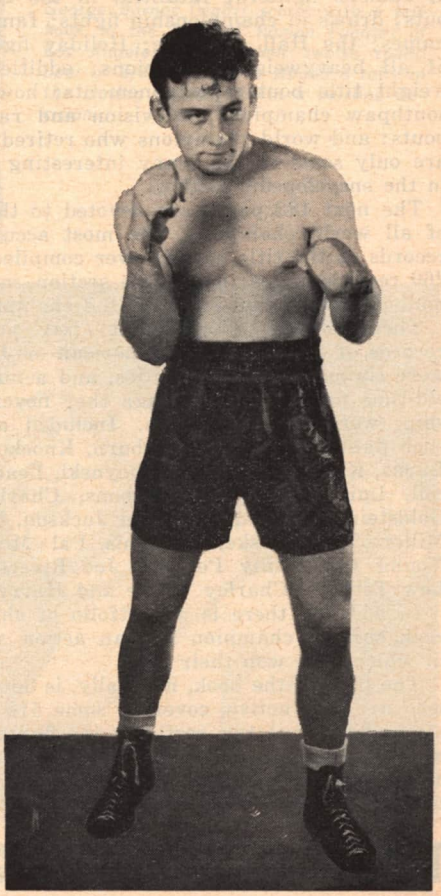
(Top) Youthful Chuck Davey, an air force lieutenant, fought under another name and lost in finals to Joe Lucignano
(Above) Cpl. Allen Reado, of Seattle, Wash., 155-lb. champion.

(Below) Bobby Volk, of Portland, Ore., who became a successful pro, meeting Fred Apostoli and Harry Matthews.



ONE FOR THE BOOK

By JOHNNY SALAK

The Ring Record Book Says So. Chico Vejar (right) shows Billy Graham why he expects to beat him—and proceeded to do just that.

THE 1955 Edition of the Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia—this is the fourteenth yearly edition—is off the presses and, once more, almost out of our hands. The response for copies of this gigantic compendium of fistic lore has been amazing and only fast action by would-be purchasers will insure their receiving one.

The newest edition—a massive 892 pages—is by far the most complete and accurate book of its kind ever published. At $7.50 a copy—less than a penny a page—it's the best buy on the market for a sports fan.

The first 105 pages encompass the encyclopedic section of the book, with such listings as all-time rankings of fighters; seating capacity of arenas, indoor and outdoor, both in America and abroad; awards in boxing; biographical sketches of all time fighters and current champions; birthplaces of champions; brothers in boxing; earnings of champions such as Tommy Burns, John L. Sullivan, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano; record knockdowns; receipts of fights in Madison Square Garden, Chicago Stadium, Detroit Olympia in addition to all fights which drew over $100,000 (there have been over 160 of them); tragic endings of famous fighters; fatalities in the ring; double knockouts; draws in championship fights; famous firsts; fighting names; the Hall of Fame; Holiday fights; Measurements of all heavyweight champions; oddities; odds in heavyweight title bouts; postponements; how to score a fight; southpaw champions; television and radio; twenty round bouts; and world champions who retired undefeated. These are only some of the many interesting compilations listed in the encyclopedic section.

The next 182 pages are devoted to the complete records of all world champions, the most accurate and authentic records of the title holders ever compiled. There are about 260 records appearing in this section, most of them accompanied with a photograph of the champion.

Then follows—in the next sixty pages—the complete records of men who held American or Junior titles or who were claimants to world titles, and a number of records of old-time fighters who, though they never held a championship, were all-time greats. Included are the records of such fighters as Jack Blackburn, Knockout Brown, Frankie Burns, K. O. Chaney, Joe Choynski, Leach Cross, Jem Driscoll, Luis Firpo, Tom Gibbons, Charlie Goldman, Ruby Goldstein, Ace Hudkins, Peter Jackson, Sam Langford, Ray Miller, Billy Miske, Memphis Pal Moore, Owen Moran, Young Otto, Billy Petrolle, Joe Rivers, Young Stribling, Lew Tendler, Charley White and Harry Wills.

In addition there is a portfolio of champions, a pose of each current champion and an action shot from the bout in which they won their title.

The bulk of the book, naturally, is devoted to the fighters who are now active, covering some 510 pages and in (for easier handling) two sections: the fighters of North, South and Central America and U. S. Possessions; and the fighters of the British Isles, Continental Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

THERE are listed the records of about 3,000 fighters, be they rated men or four round beginners. The records are of an invaluable aid to promoters, commissions, newspapers and television stations, in addition to the fans who want the complete record of the main event fighters they are watching or to note the progress made by one of their local young favorites.

The only stipulation made is that a fighter had at least three bouts in the year just passed to be included in the book. This is usually waived in the case of top contenders or because of injury or illness.

Many interesting facts can be gleaned from the encyclopedic section. For instance holidays used to be a big day for boxing matches, with many championship bouts being decided. On Memorial Day, May 30, Paul Berlenbach defeated Mike McTigue in 1925 to win the world light heavyweight crown; Pete Latzo beat Mickey Walker for the welterweight title in 1926; Manuel Ortiz defended his bantamweight laurels against David Kui Kong Young in 1947; and Ezzard Charles outpointed Joey Maxim in a heavyweight duel in 1951. A complete listing of all important matches on all national holidays is given.

On page 76 there is a listing of fathers and sons who were professional fighters. Oddly enough, no such combination ever hit the heights, though Tom and Jacob Hyer both held the heavyweight crown, in pre-Civil War days.

Starting on Page 54 is a complete listing of every main event fight that has taken place in Madison Square Garden since it was opened on December 11, 1925 with the Paul Berlenbach-Jack Delaney bout, giving the date, gross receipts and attendance.

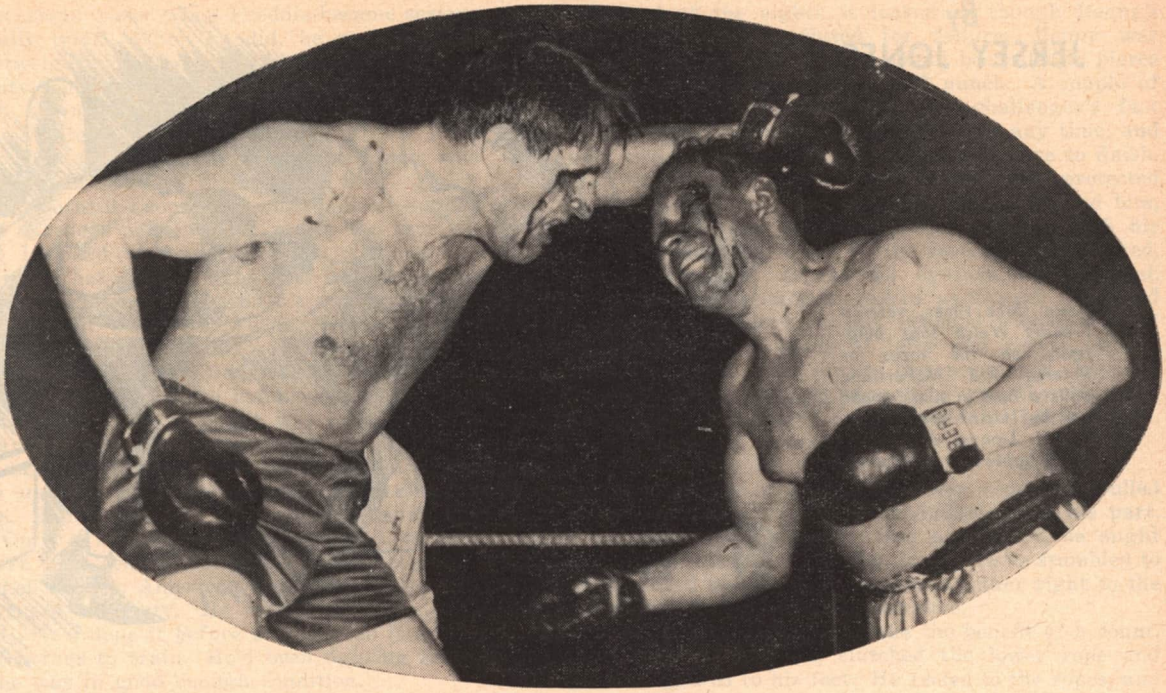
Among the Facts Worth Knowing, starting on Page 82, are such items as Shortest Fights on Record, Longest Fights, Double Knockouts, Record Knockdowns in a Fight, Fight Films Law, Championship Comebacks, Tall Fighters, Most Contests Engaged in, Fighters of the "White Hope" era, and oddities in boxing.

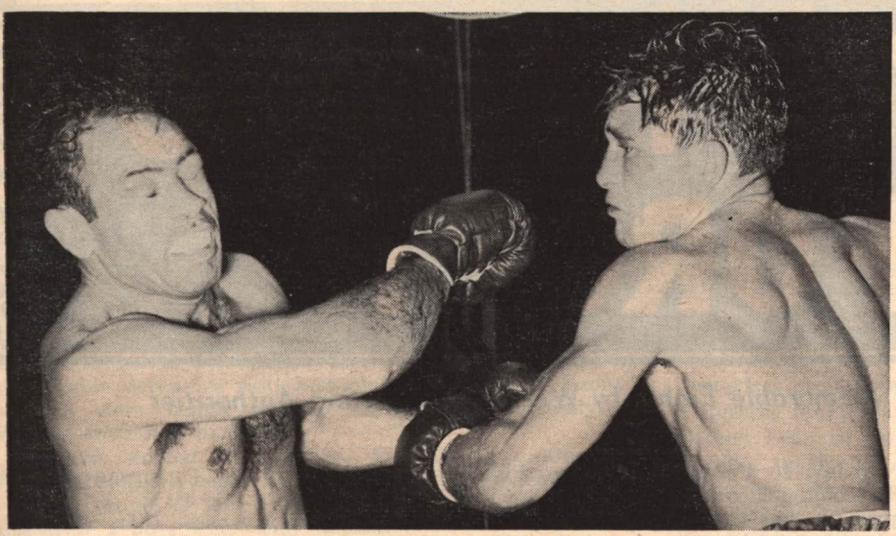
On Page 69 are a list of fighters who were undefeated when they won world titles. There have been thirteen of them, the latest being Rocky Marciano. On the same page is a list of referees who have handled world heavyweight title fights, with Arthur Donovan far in the lead, having officiated in fourteen of them. Also a list of the record knockdowns in fight, which is led by the Joe Jeanette-Sam McVey encounter at Paris, France, on April 17, 1907, in which Jeanette was down 27 times and McVey 11, for a total of 38 in a bout that ended in the forty-ninth round.

The most recent fights with an outstanding number of knockdowns were Peter Keenan's kayo of Frank Williams in seven rounds, at Paisley, Scotland, on January 28, 1953, Williams being down eleven times; Jimmy Carter's knockout of Tommy Collins in four rounds, at Boston, Mass., on April 24, 1953; and Rex Layne's massacre of Hans Friedrich in five rounds at Salt Lake City, Utah, on September 27, 1954. Both Collins and Friedrich were down ten times each.

These are but a few of the many of compilations and charts on the sport of boxing that are included in The Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia for 1955, in addition to the complete records of all champions and active fighters.

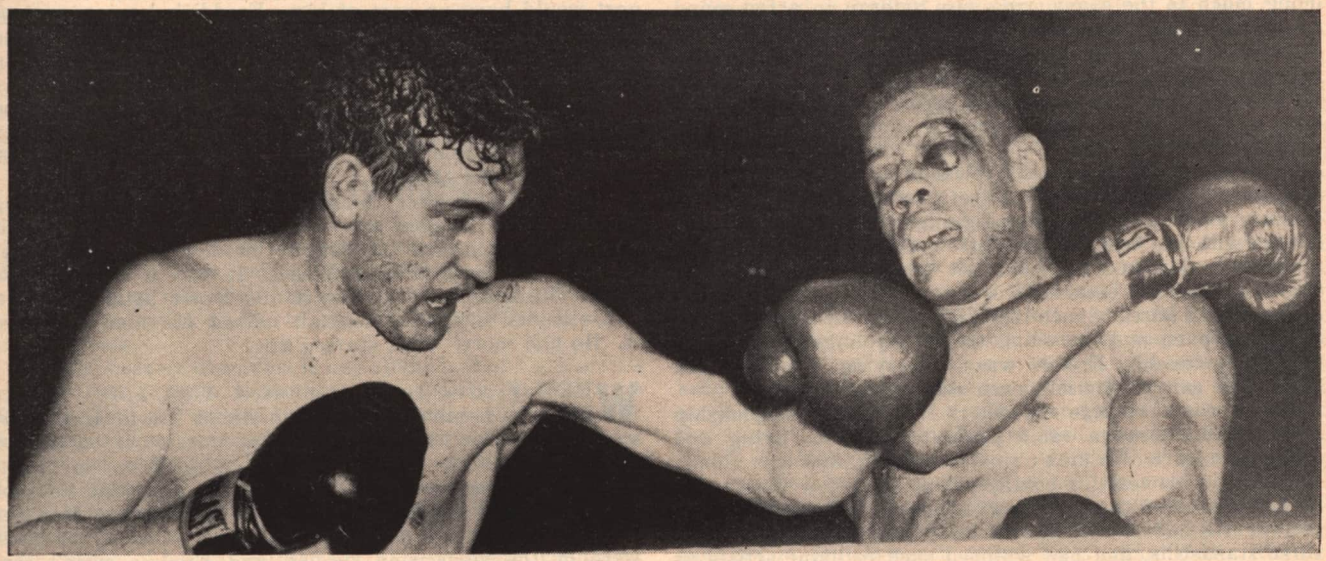
FOREIGN FIGHTS





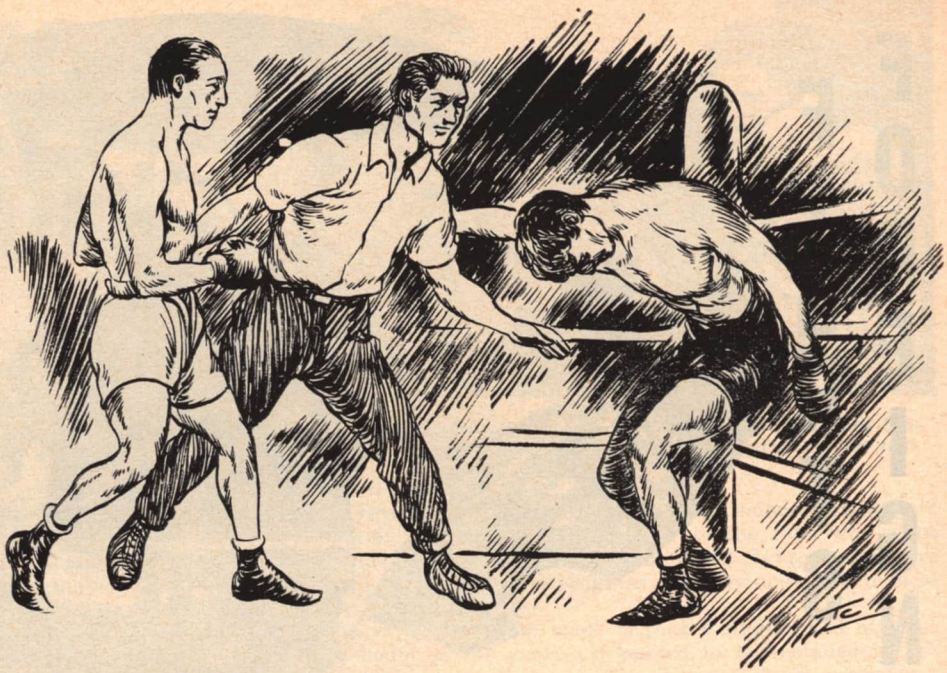
(Above) European heavyweight champion Heinz Neuhaus (right) battered his way to a ten round decision over his fellow German, former heavyweight champion Hein Ten Hoff, in a blood-spattered brawl in Dortmund.

(Left) Australian welterweight champion George Barnes (right) scores with a left hook to the body of Ramon Fuentes of Los Angeles during their twelve round bout at Sydney. Fuentes staged a rally in the closing rounds to win a hairline decision.



Swing Time in Canada! Canadian champion Earl Walls (right) and James J. Parker of Paterson, N. J., swap misses during their hectic twelve round draw at Toronto. After Parker had been declared the winner in the ring a recheck of the cards showed an error and the decision was changed to a draw, with Walls retaining his heavyweight title.

By
JERSEY JONES



Down three times, veteran Freddie Welsh sags helplessly on the ropes as Referee Kid McPartland calls a halt in ninth round and brilliant youngster, Benny Leonard, becomes world lightweight champion.

"FIGHTS I CANNOT FORGET"

Third in a series of Memorable Fights by World Wide Boxing Authorities

IT was just another fight, another payday, to Freddie Welsh. Maybe the world lightweight champion wasn't in the best of condition, and his opponent was a fast, clever, sharpshooting youngster, but, shucks, nobody was doing much to the cagey, ring-wise veteran in a ten-round no-decision bout. Sure, Welsh might be outpointed, but what of it? So long as he was still functioning when the final bell rang, his title was safe. The only way a champion could blow his laurels in a no-decision affair was to be knocked out, and Freddie wasn't worrying about anything like that happening to him. They didn't come any shiftier or smarter than the 31-year-old Welshman, one of the finest defensive boxers the ring had yet produced. In more than a dozen years of active campaigning, embracing some 250 battles with the best lightweights in the world Freddie had never been knocked out, and not more than a couple of times had he even been floored.

Welsh had already met this kid, Benny Leonard, in two previous bouts, and conceding that the youngster had been improving steadily, Freddie wasn't worrying. The Old Man could take care of himself, even with no training.

Welsh was a strange character. In his pre-championship days, he had been a rabid advocate of clean living and physical culture. He didn't smoke or drink, and was almost fanatical in his zeal for boxing perfection. How thoroughly he had mastered the trade was attested by his remarkable record. He had battled the dazzling Packey McFarland to three standstills, and had whipped such brilliant artists as Abe Attell and Jim Driscoll, as well as such other outstanding performers as Joe Rivers, Leach Cross, Ray Bronson, Matty Baldwin, Johnny Summers, Matt Wells, Hughie Mehegen, Phil Brock, Cyclone Johnny Thompson and Milburn Saylor.

Welsh had been such a superb mechanic that, while they ruled the lightweight roost, Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast would have no part of him. Freddie's long, persistent campaign for a crack at the title was finally rewarded when Willie Ritchie accepted terms in 1914 to meet him in London.

In a close bout, with only one point separating them on Referee Eugene Corri's scorecard at the end of twenty rounds, Welsh realized his ambition. He was awarded the decision and the title.

Then, suddenly everything changed for Freddie. Having reached his lofty goal after years of determined effort, it probably was natural for him to let down somewhat. But it wasn't "somewhat" for Welsh. It was a complete letdown. He attended a party in his honor after the bout, and sampled a special cocktail named for him. He liked it. He had more. That started him.

WHEN Freddie returned to New York a few months later, he became a lively Man About Town. In his fervent chase after life, liberty and the pursuit of hangovers, he was a familiar figure in the popular Broadway night spots. Training became a nuisance to him, but he kept himself in fair condition by fighting as often as Manager Harry Pollock could book bouts for him. Most of the bouts were of the no-decision species, and Freddie wasn't concerned whether he won or lost, just so long as he wasn't knocked out—and he was to clever for anything like that to happen to him.

There were occasional times when Freddie became serious enough to actually train. When he did, he was still the world's best lightweight. He proved it when he defended the title in a twenty-round championship bout in Colorado Springs in 1916 against the dangerous left-hooking Chicagoan, Charley White.

Another time Freddie got himself into condition was when he met Benny Leonard in their second bout. Welsh had first met the youthful Leonard in old Madison Square Garden in 1915. Freddie merely went threw the motions that night, and Leonard was credited with winning the newspaper decision. That was all right with Welsh, but the subsequent publicity sent out by Leonard's manager, Billy Gibson, didn't set at all well with Welsh. When the pair were rematched the following year for Washington Park, the former home of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Freddie decided to teach the cocky kid and his fresh manager a few things. He trained for the bout, and the result was a neat boxing lesson for Leonard.

Now he was meeting Benny again. Welsh should have realized he was up against a much more formidable opponent this time. Benny now 21, had improved rapidly in the last year. Only a few weeks before he had invaded Milwaukee to turn in a sensational knockout of hometown idol Richie Mitchell for the American lightweight title.

But Welsh refused to worry. He could take care of a kid like Leonard. He'd done it before and he'd do it again.

Freddie didn't bother to train. He'd been fighting fairly often, and felt he was in good enough condition.

THE bout was held May 28, 1917, and some 5,000 fans, most of them enthusiastic Leonard supporters, crowded into Manhattan Casino, across Eighth Avenue from the Polo Grounds.

Since it was a no-decision affair, Welsh didn't bother making the lightweight poundage. At weighing-in time, 9:45 p.m., the champion scaled 136¾. Leonard came in at 133, two pounds under the class limit.

Bill (Kid) McPartland, former lightweight star, then one of the city's top referees, was assigned to the role of third man.

Leonard set a blistering pace from the start, using his dazzling footwork to dart in and out, around and about, firing left jabs and hooks at Welsh, and trying to find an opening to drop in his deadly right. But Freddie was a difficult target to hit solidly. The veteran brought all his remarkable defensive skill into play, and most of Benny's punches were neatly parried or landed harmlessly on Welsh's shoulders and arms.

Leonard shifted his tactics. Instead of aiming for Welsh's head, he began to concentrate on the champion's body. A couple of left hooks whizzed past Welsh's guard, and drew grunts when they landed.

By the fourth round it was obvious that Leonard was too young, too fast and too sharp for the veteran. But could he knock Welsh out? Merely outpointing him wasn't enough. Leonard wanted that championship, and he knew that in a no-decision bout the only way he could get it was by a knockout.

By the end of the eighth it looked as though Benny's determined efforts were slated for failure. Benny was winning by a wide margin, but he hadn't been able to pierce Welsh's superb defense with a payoff punch. A couple of times Freddie had been jolted by the challenger's fast fists, but he hadn't been in serious trouble at any time, and with only two more rounds to go, he seemed sure to finish.

The ninth started slowly enough, Welsh well protected behind arms and gloves, and Leonard dancing around him, looking for an opening. Suddenly Benny feinted with his left and drove a terrific right to the face. Freddie ducked, but not fast enough. It crashed against his forehead. Welsh's knees buckled and it looked as though he would fall. He recovered, however, but Leonard was on top of him with a blistering volley of lefts and rights. Welsh reeled back along the ropes toward his own corner. Leonard gave him no quarter. Groggy though he was, the champion tried to fight back. Another right clipped him on the chin. Welsh tumbled to the canvas.

AS he fell, Freddie grabbed the lower rope and pulled himself to his feet. It was poor judgment on his part. He should have taken a count. Had he done it, he might have weathered the storm. But he didn't. As he stumbled to his feet, Leonard tore into him again. Another right to the chin put Welsh down for the second time.

Again, the veteran refused to take the benefit of a count. He rolled over on his side, clutched the lower rope and once more staggered to his feet. He reeled to the ropes, and Leonard thinking he might fall without being hit, stepped back to await developments. Welsh didn't go down. Instead, he swayed on the ropes, and stared blankly around the ring.

Measuring his now helpless victim, Leonard stepped in with a right that was meant for Welsh's chin, but Freddie's head tilted forward, and the punch exploded behind the left ear. Once more the champion crashed to the canvas—and once more refused to stay down and take a count. Gamely, if foolishly, he clambered up the ropes again.

As Welsh tottered to his feet, Leonard piled in. Lefts and rights bounced off the fading champion's head. Welsh reeled back into Leonard's corner. Freddie's legs were slowly caving in under him but as he was sagging to the canvas he wrapped his right arm around the upper rope and hung on as Leonard continued to pour leather into him.

Blood was gushing from Welsh's mouth and nose. The hysterical crowd was yelling "Stop it!"

Referee McPartland did the only thing he could do. He pushed Leonard away and lifted Welsh to his feet. As Freddie stood up, he fell back on the ropes and rebounded clear across the ring. Reeling drunkenly, he went headlong through the ropes on the other side, almost tumbling into the working press section.

So passed a gallant old champion—but another champion was beginning one of the most spectacular reigns in boxing history. Benny Leonard went on from that brilliant performance to establish himself as one of the most magnificient artists the ring has ever known.

Final Count for Ad Wolgast

ALTHOUGH he ruled the lightweight roost less than three years—from February 22, 1910, to November 28, 1912—few world champions crowded as much exciting action into their titular reigns as did Ad Wolgast, who died recently, at 67, in the Camarillo State Hospital in California.

Wolgast became champion in one of the last of California's old marathon brawls. It was on a cold, drizzly Washington's Birthday that the rugged little Michigander, who stood only 5 feet, 4 inches, and seldom scaled above 128 pounds in his prime, outlasted Battling Nelson and battered the Durable Dane into a gory, helpless mess in forty brutal rounds at Point Richmond, across the Bay from San Francisco.

On another holiday—July 4, 1911—Wolgast confirmed his status as a fighting champion by slugging the brilliant English challenger, Owen Moran, into defeat in thirteen rounds in San Francisco.

Exactly one year later, Wolgast figured in that controversial "double knockout" with Joe Rivers in Los Angeles. In the thirteenth round of a savage battle, the rivals connected simultaneously with body punches. Both dropped to the canvas, Wolgast falling on top of the challenger. Referee Jack Welch started to count, suddenly reached down, lifted Wolgast with his left arm, and continued to toll over Rivers. The Mexican, claiming foul, struggled to his feet. Amid all the bedlam around the ringside, the timekeeper shouted that he had rung the bell, ending the round, at Welch's count of six. The referee refused to accept the timer's word. Insisting he had counted Rivers out, Welch declared Wolgast winner. In the riot that followed, the referee escaped through the milling mob.

Wolgast's busy and exciting reign as champion ended on another holiday, Thanksgiving, 1912, when Ad was disqualified in the sixteenth round for fouling Willie Ritchie in Daly City, Cal.

During his entire ring career, which began in 1906 and finished in 1920, Wolgast engaged in about 150 fights.

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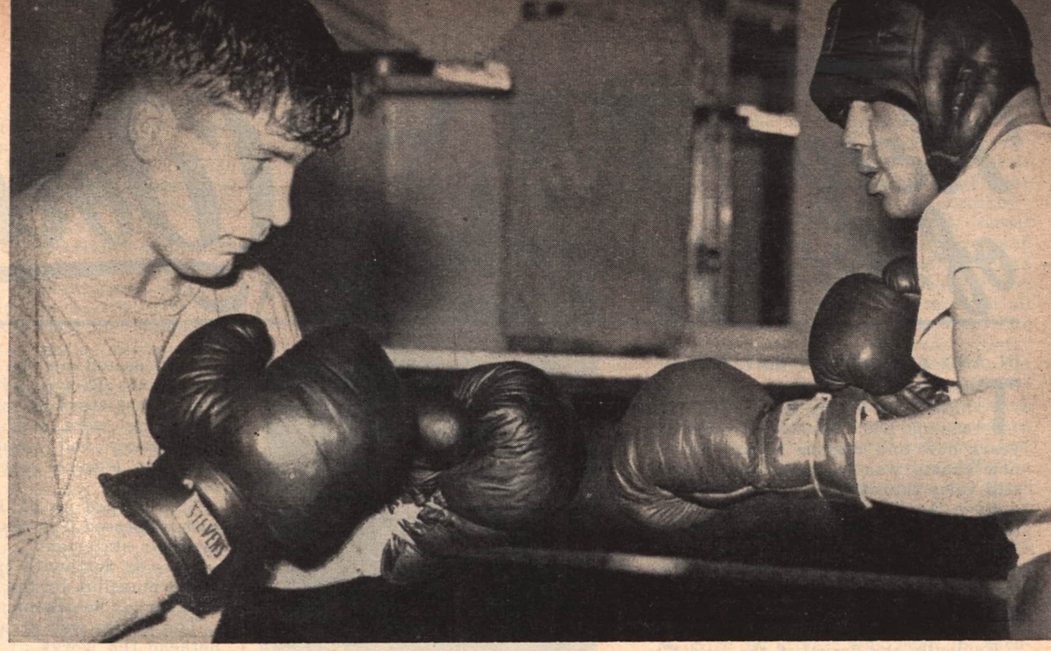
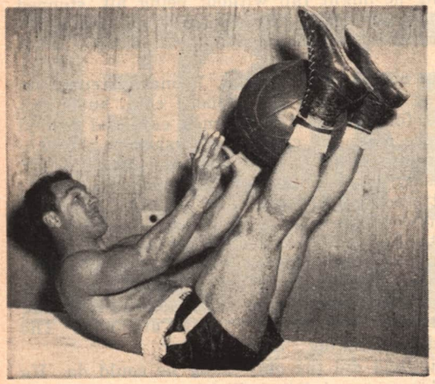




(Above) Food For Thought. Rocky Marciano (left) shows three Golden Gloves, Dick Pachito, Pat McCarthy and John Miller, what he can do with a piece of beef as they all shout, "Well done!" (Left) Good Medicine. Marciano works out with a medicine ball, showing how much he is on it.

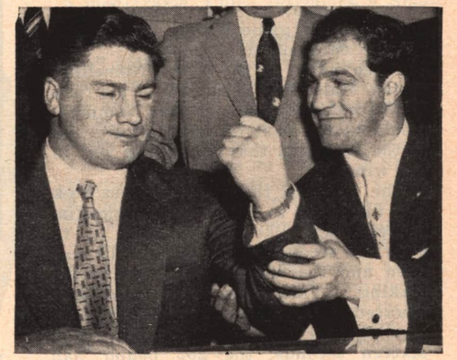
ROCKY MARCIANO

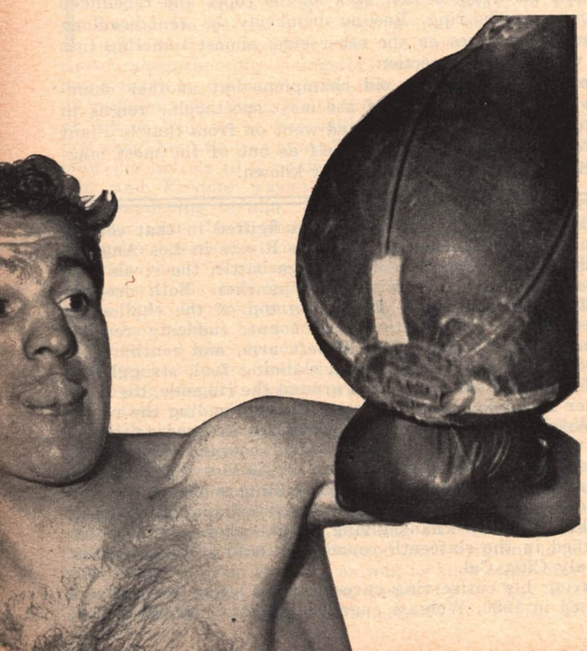
Age	31
Weight	185
Height	5 ft. 11 ins.
Reach	67
Chest Normal	39
Chest Expanded	42
Waist	32
Neck	16¾
Biceps	14
Forearm	12
Thigh	22
Calf	14¾
Ankle	10
Wrist	7½
Fist	11½

DON COCKELL

Age	25
Weight	205
Height	5 ft. 11 ins.
Reach	71
Chest Normal	44
Chest Expanded	46
Waist	36
Neck	17½
Biceps	16
Forearm	13½
Thigh	25½
Calf	17
Ankle	10
Wrist	8
Fist	12½

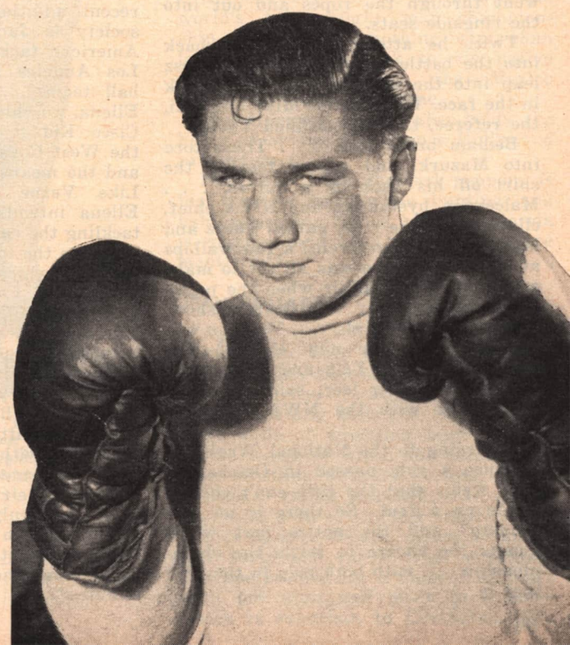
(Above) Don Cockell (left) goes through a workout with the big gloves and sparring mate Brian Anders. (Right) Muscling In. Marciano does a bit of investigating as he and Don Cockell signed for the championship fight, sizing up the British challenger who doesn't lack for size, speed or confidence.





(Left) Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion, preparing for his title bout on May 16 at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco. (Above) Will He Sing a Different Tune? Marciano tickles the ivories and sings of Cockells and Muscles.

(Right) Don Cockell, British and Empire heavyweight champion. (Above) Steaking Out His Claim. Cockell, toughening up for Marciano, orders a steak, rare, from chef Louis Cvesich.



News of the MAT World

IN AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

THE followers of the bone crackers have been eating a diet of NWA champ Lou Thesz for some six years now and despite rumors that a new champ was in the making, Thesz still rules supreme.

In a recent match between Thesz and Leo the Lion Nomellini, a crowd of 12,253 paid $41,601 at the San Francisco Cow Palace to witness an affair that smacked of a major hippodrome effort on the part of boss man of the NWA . . . Joe Malcewicz.

Evidently the desire of the public to consume (without benefit of digestion pills) constant "draw" matches, reached a point where a new gimmick was needed if the game was to continue to receive enthusiastic support.

When prior to the Thesz-Nomellini, match Malcewicz predicted to a group of West Coast reporters that Nominelli would be the next champ, he gave rise to the suspicion that something was in the wind.

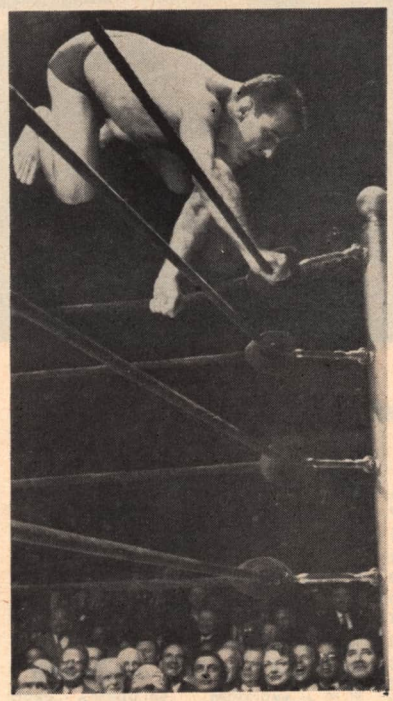
The night of the contest Thesz took the first fall in 28:59 and Nomellini roared back, like the lion he is, to gain the second fall at 10:30. All was even and the usual script was in the making. Then the two stalwarts squared off for the final fling of the evening and after eleven minutes and sixteen seconds, the 252 pound San Francisco 49er's football player attempted a tackle, missed his man, and went through the ropes and out into the ringside seats.

Twice he attempted to climb back into the battle pit only to have Thesz leap into the air and kick him smack in the face. This was it! Mike Mazurki, the referee, then disqualified Thesz.

Bedlam broke lose. . . . Thesz tore into Mazurki and missed tearing the shirt off his back by a button. . . . Malcewicz, bystander, and NWA chief, climbed into the ring, parted Thesz and Mazurki and then leveled a few wallops at the champ, who was all set to make a riot out of the affair when the police broke up the party. . . . Quite a show.

But this wasn't all. . . . Was, or was not Nomellini the new champ? The Lion roared. . . . *YES* and Thesz with an understanding leer, said he would take it up with the NWA board of groaners.

According to the National Wrestling Alliance a rule passed in October of 1953 states that the title can't change hands on a foul. So there is no new "champ" and the entire mat world awaits the encore to settle the championship . . . with both men in the ring that is.



Antonino Rocca seen leaving the ring at Madison Square Garden after he and Prince Nefu Miava won a tag team match from Yukon Eric and Hans Schmidt.

More than any other single sport football has been the donor of top notch talent to the mat game. Most recent addition to the bone crackers society is Jack Ellena, UCLA's All-American tackle and a member of the Los Angeles Rams professional football team. . . . In his initial outing Ellena, weighing 230 pounds, bested the Cisco Kid in a preliminary bout on the West Coast . . . the time was 4:52 and the means . . . a flying tackle. . . . Like Verne Gagne and Nomellini, Ellena intends to use his head. . . . tackling the catch-as-catch-can industry to get to the top.

All of which brings to mind the beginning of football entrants into the groaner's spotlight. It all dates back to Gus Sonnenberg the first of the tackle conscious wrestlers.

How this famous first came about makes a story in itself. . . . The ex Dartmouth All-American and pro footballer was sitting at a wrestling show in Boston with a few friends watching what he termed a couple of "palookas" strutting their stuff.

Gus suddenly had all he could take and turned to his pals remarking, "I could take both of those bums in the same ring and beat them in fifteen minutes."

Also seated at the ringside was a Dr. James Brown, who trained many of the mat stars of that period. After the bouts were over, he approached Sonnenberg and wanted to know if Gus was sincere in the statement he had made.

Still burned up at the match he had just witnessed Gus readily repeated his previous statement.

He was forthwith invited to a Boston gymnasium by the Doctor . . . "just to see what he (Sonnenberg) could do."

The set-up was arranged to give the hothead the works . . . but the Doctor had not reckoned with Gus. The following morning found him at the gym ready for action.

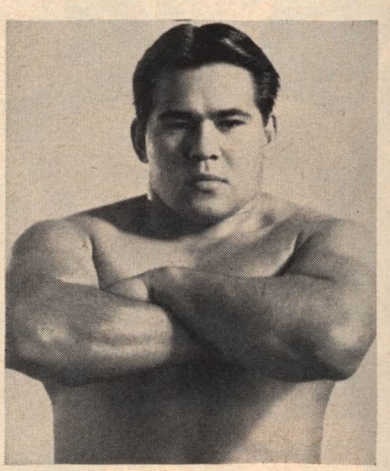
While the Doctor found a pair of shoes and tights one of the Doctor's aids gave a couple of huskies their instructions on the operation known as a "lesson."

All was ready and Gus stepped into the ring to begin the party that had been arranged for him.

His host motioned to one of the roughnecks to begin and wrestling history was on its way.

Greener than a shamrock, Gus was mauled, tossed and roughed up until his handsome features were none the better for the wear and tear they had been subjected to. When his opponent began to cuff and punch him between holds he had had enough. . . . Suddenly he broke loose from a hold and putting his head down dammed into the other guy's midriff, knocking him cold and pinning him.

The second of the opponents furnished Gus was on his guard and lasted a little longer than his predecessor but he to was eventually downed and there



Mexican Born Chico Garcia is one of the roughest men in the game. (Photo by Bob Utter)

was born not only a new career for Sonnenberg but also the nickname that followed him in his mat wars . . . his butting tactics caused a member of the Doctor's group to exclaim, "why that guy's a goat." From then on Gus was known as *"the goat."*

That afternoon Gus signed a contract with Dr. Brown and received $5.00 for his first match. Within a year (Jan. 4, 1929) Gus got his match with the champ, none other than Ed "Strangler" Lewis, who now acts as the manager for the current NWA champ Lou Thesz. Gus, knowing nothing of the legitimate holds used by the wrestling fraternity waited for an opening and in his own words explains the first fall: "I saw the opening I had been waiting for and I let that big bloke have it . . . a flying tackle and before he could get set I let him have a head-on butt that knocked him down . . . then I made a leap at him and squatted on his chest . . . voila!

"In the second fall," said Gus, "I roughed Ed up from the start and knocked him out of the ring until they counted him out. I was the world champion within a year after my first professional match".

There were those who disagreed with Gus's claim to the title but for the most part he was recognized as the world title holder.

Which brings us back to Gagne, Nomellini and a new "tackle" expert Ellena . . . will history repeat itself and the next champ be an ex football player?

GIRL'S WRESTLING BILL BEATEN

A bill proposed in Pennsylvania to legalize women wrestling was defeated . . . presently the state athlete commission has the authority to do as it wishes about the girls and the policy has been to deny applications requesting permits for such matches.

GARDEN SHOW DRAWS $30,103.30

Antonino Rocca, the barefoot boy, from the Argentine and Nefu Maiava of Samoa defeated Yukon Eric and Hans Schmidt in the Tag Team contest at Madison Square Garden . . . 10,258 fans saw the victors win in two out of three falls.

Tony Martinelli of Clifton, N. J., was felled in 13:18 by Frank Jares of Salt Lake City. . . . Verne Gagne, Minnesota, pinned Ray McClarity of Winnipeg, Canada. . . . Mr. Motto, Tokyo, drew with Pedro Escobar and Raphael Halpern of Israel pinned the German Hans Henmann. . . . Harry Lewis, of Forest Hills was the loser in a contest with Frank Milano of Huntington, L. I. on a foul.

NEW ZEALAND WRESTLING

The New Zealand Wrestling Association has released the names of five wrestlers as its first attractions for the 1955 indoor season. They are the Hawaiian Yugoslav, Lucky Simunovich, not a roaring success when he was there in 1953, Don Beitelman, long-haired American who will be making his third trip to those parts (he married a New Zealand girl last year), Alo Leilani, a Samoan who was educated in Washington, nuggetty Ted Christy, a five-by-five human dynamo who is reputed to be one of the best of the genuine wrestlers when allowed to "go straight", and the imposing Dutchman, Great Zorro, also known as Tarzan Zorro and Dutch Howlett. Zorro stamped and roared his way round the country last year, and set attendance records in all centres. He even outdrew men like Ed Don George, Earl McCready, Lofty Blomfield, Ray Steele and other great drawcards of the past. He "wrestled" 65 bouts in a particularly busy season, behaved himself on sufficient occasions to win 29 of them, lost 23 (mostly after being ruled out by long suffering referees), wrestled 10 draws and three bouts which were called off without any decision being rendered.

Jean Holland of Covington, Ky., with light brown hair and grey eyes which highlight the 5' 4" 135 pound Irish-English miss.

CHICO GARCIA PROFILE

By Bob Utter

CHICO GARCIA, matdom's "Mr. Five by Five," was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, twenty-five years ago.

Packing 215 pounds on his 5 foot 5 inch frame, Chico resembles a Sherman tank when going into action. His style is strictly "Pier 6" from the word "go" with every shady trick in the book being part of his routine.

Garcia started in the amateur ranks at the age of 20 and turned pro four years later. He has traded knowledge with such veterans as Danny McShain, Martino Angelo, Billy Fox, Johnny Henning, Frankie Taylor, and the Welch brothers of Tennessee fame.

Chico started out to be a bull-fighter but decided on a musical career at the age of ten. As a concert violinist he toured several foreign countries including South America. He still devotes his spare time to playing the fiddle and some day would like to open his own studio.

His one aim in life is to win the world's heavyweight mat championship. He would like nothing better than to take the belt back to his native country. Chico holds the Mexico diadem at the present time.

The Mexican mauler also holds the honor of having played in a Hollywood production.

Hot Chilli with chopped peppers is his favorite food while hunting and fishing are his choice hobbies. Garcia is married and has a daughter three months old.

JEAN HOLLAND

Age 26; height 5' 4"; weight 135 lbs.; light brown hair and grey eyes; of Irish-English ancestry and hails from Covington, Ky. . . . Jean is a very trim and athletically built girl and likes the clean style of wrestling best.

The sports in which she excelled before wrestling were ice skating, skiing, horseback riding and still is an expert shot with a rifle. . . . Her future ambition is to save enough money to buy a nice farm and retire from wrestling. She has resided for a number of years with her aunt and uncle in a home which is suburban to Covington, Ky.,

where she had a chance to raise a garden, as well as chickens and rabbits.

Jean claims that her tomatoes, chickens and rabbits are all prize products. . . . She was a student at the Kentucky State University, at Lexington, Kentucky. She majored in languages—Spanish and German—and was the interpreter for the U. S. Government for German war prisoners during World War II.

Jean watched many such outstanding girl wrestlers as June Byers, Mae Young, Violet Viann, Nell Stewart, and Champion Mildred Burke, in the wrestling arena in Cincinnati, located just across the river from Covington, Ky., and noticing that all these girls wore fine clothes and jewels and drove beautiful cars, she became interested in becoming a girl wrestler herself. She appealed to Ross Leader, the wrestling promoter in Cincinnati.

Mr. Leader says he immediately became interested in Jean because of her wonderful personality, beauty and athletic figure.

ON IRISH JACKIE

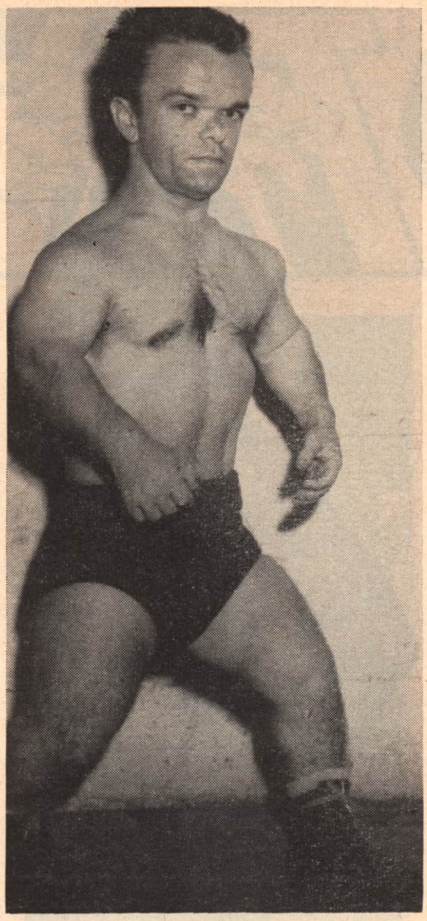
IRISH JACKIE was born in Dublin, Ireland, 23-years ago.

Standing 47-inches in height and weighing 89-pounds, the Irish roughneck has been grappling five years as a professional and has met the best in the crackle and crunch industry. Fellows like Sky Low Low, Fuzzy Cupid, Brown Panther and Tito Infanti have been forced to say "uncle" to this little toughie of the mat.

Jackie's kid brother, Jack Meaff, is now in wrestling but lacks the experience to groan in the same class with the Irish one. However, it is the ambition of both to team and win the tag championship of midget wrestling. . . . His favorite foods are vegetables, chops, and of course, Irish stew. He likes to bowl and shoot snooker.

SHORT SHORT ON JIM BERNARD

Big Jim Bernard was born in Montreal, Canada, 21-years ago but now makes his home in Detroit, Mich.



At Left: Irish Jackie stands 47" high and weighs 89 pounds . . . all of him fighting fury on the mat. (Photo by Bob Utter)

A gigantic 250-pounds, Bernard stands two inches over the six-foot mark, and is still growing.

Like the majority of Canadian boys, Jim went in for wrestling while in his early teens. He started in the amateur ranks when only fourteen.

Bernard won the Montreal championship in 1949 and in 1950 captured the Provential title. In 1951 he won the All-Canadian amateur heavyweight belt.

Having been a pro for some fifteen months, Bernard has met such noted matmen as Killer Kowalski, Bobby Managoff, Bull Montana and Hans Schmidt. Naturally he would like to win the heavyweight crown . . . who wouldn't?

Big Jim possesses a 54" chest and a 37" waist. His arm tapes at a muscular 18".

His style is naturally on the rough and rugged side because of his size. He likes to maul and brawl and as he tells it, "I have no use at all for referees."

His favorite hobby is horseback riding. Steaks and oysters are Jim's select foods.

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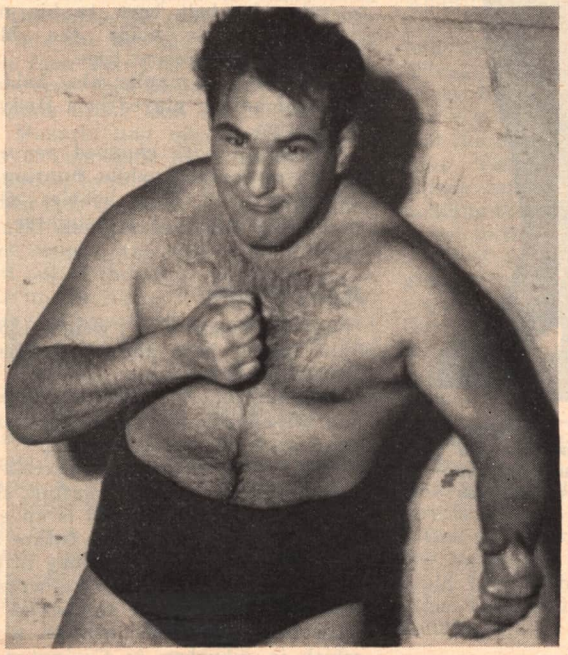

Jim Bernard, born in Montreal, Canada and now makes his home in Detroit, Michigan, is a rough and rugged mauler.

One active and two ex gridders seen talking shop at the Winnipeg Civic Stadium. Left is Dick Afflis, who still plays tackle for the Green Bay Packers, Center, Bronko Nagurski, legendary figure of the gridiron, and right is Jack Witzig who played at Wisconsin and St. Thomas.

IS COCKELL ANOTHER FARR?

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. . . one in London, and the other in Seattle, which Don won decisively in eight rounds. He gained respect from the crowd and from Referee Jim Braddock, who may think it's a good thing for Marciano, but I am sure the former world heavyweight champion wouldn't describe Cockell as a bum.

Cockell, apart from his appearances against Slavin and Bell, has won box-office popularity in Britain quicker than Farr. Tommy spent his whole career struggling for popularity, and it wasn't until he had been fighting 11 years that he achieved this ambition . . . the night he beat Baer in London. A further victory over Neusel plus his losing epic to Louis established him in the hearts of British fight fans forever.

Farr grew into a successful heavyweight with as big a chip on his shoulder as the lumps of coal he help to shift from his native Welsh soil. He had great difficulty in getting fights in London. He could never overcome Eddie Phillips, a London cruiserweight, who beat him three times, and his victories over former world light-heavyweight champions, Tommy Loughran and Bob Olin, at the Albert Hall gained him little prestige because in each case the decisions were debatable.

Even when he won the British and Empire titles from Ben Foord, the South African, who was domiciled in London, Farr was not received with open arms by the sporting public of Britain. He lacked the punch and dash of his fellow Welshman, Jack Petersen, and because of the public's attitude, Farr developed into a resentful fellow, bitter at the injustice of public opinion. This all changed with his surprise victory over Baer, who had originally signed for a fight with Petersen.

Only a few patroits in Tonypandy gave Farr a chance against Baer. The gamblers said the odds against him were 10-1, but it was a new confident and aggressive Farr that went into Baer from the first bell and puzzled and worried Maxie with a snake-like left jab that was never out of his face.

Baer had begun scowling, grinning and openly laughing at the pasty-faced Welshman whom he had been assured was a cinch. Soon Maxie was a worried fighter, unable to solve the problem of the left jab which had cut his eye and caused blood to stream down his face. What is more, Maxie was disturbed by the fact that whenever he tossed his powerful right point blank on Farr's jaw, the Welshman shook his head, and, instead of going down or retreating, would come forward jabbing his left into Baer's face more than ever.

Farr grinned that night when his right arm was lifted as an easy winner after 12 rounds. He gazed at the crowd who until now had shown nothing but coldness to him. Now they were singing and screaming his praise. He looked down at one or two of the boxing writers who had ridiculed him as the "poor man's Jack Petersen." His resentment turned to self-assurance, his bitterness was replaced by cockiness. "Nobody," he sang "will ever sneer at Tommy Farr again."

Walter Neusel, the German, who had thrice stopped Petersen, and had also beaten Foord, Pettifer and other English heavyweights was next on the list, and the now cocky and aggressive Farr stopped him in three rounds.

Schmeling was then lined up, but Mike Jacobs offered Farr a crack at Joe Louis's title, and accepting it immediately, Tommy sailed to New York early in August, 1937. British fans were too surprised to think much about it other than the fact that perhaps Farr was rushing things too quickly.

Farr immediately came in for barracking by the New York Press. He was a stormy petrel, and now the success had come his way all so suddenly, he wasn't going to put up with all the ridicule that had been tossed at him for years.

American fight critics, like British scribes earlier, wrote Farr off as a 'nobody'. Somebody declared Farr had as much chance of beating Joe Louis as Shirley Temple. When the Welshman protested he was given this apology. "Yesterday I said Tommy Farr had as much chance of beating Joe Louis as Shirley Temple. I was wrong. He hasn't!"

So as a 5-1 underdog he climbed into the Yankee Stadium ring on August 30, 1937, determined to show America, just as he had shown Britain, that he could fight.

How he shook the New York fight fans! How he shook Joe Louis! And how he shook those who had declared he was just another British horizontal heavyweight who wouldn't give the Brown Bomber a workout!

As against Baer, Farr showed not the slightest respect for Louis' great reputation. Adopting a crouch, he astonished ringsiders and the champion himself by going forward from the first bell, flashing his left jab into Joe's surprised face. On lookers, who had expected the Welsh miner to get on his bicycle and back-pedal until Louis caught up with him, were amazed.

Louis was puzzled by the bobbing and weaving and cockiness of the Welshman. Joe had been able to flatten tough heavyweights like Baer, Carnera, Sharkey, Levinsky and Paolino, but this coal-miner wasn't to be caught so easily, and when Louis did land his best combinations, Farr might rock a little, but soon he would be back in the fray, jabbing away with that left.

Farr did well for two rounds. He ran into trouble in the third when he was about to counter with his left, but slipped. Louis, quick to see his chance, let go with a barrage of left and rights hooks to the head and body. The crowd roared for the kill, but Tonypandy Tommy refused to go down. He came back fighting, but blood was trickling from cuts around both eyes.

In spite of the hammering he took, Farr kept going forward. Late in the fight he was almost blinded not only by the cuts, but by the lotion that had been put on his wounds, but had trickled into his eyes. Yet he still kept going, and the American crowd were behind him to a man, respecting the highest courage. Farr lost the decision, but what an honourable defeat it was. He made thousands of friends, and did more for British boxing in America than any fighter for many years.

That he never won a fight in America, losing in turn to Braddock, Baer, Nova and Burman did not matter. He started at the top against Louis, and worked his way down, but he won immortal fame the night he defied Joe Louis to halt him at a time when the Brown Bomber was in peak form.

Can Cockell spring another Farr act? Can he go one better than the Welshman by licking the fighter who has yet to taste defeat, and who has flattened most of his opponents?

The man who follows form must vote for Marciano to win. As a hitter he belongs to the class of Dempsey, Baer, Schmeling and Louis, and he takes a punch like a great champion.

Yet skilled opponents like Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles exposed his limitations when he met them the first time. Cockell is a good boxer, and deceivingly fast for his tubby frame. Always provided he doesn't walk into a sucker punch in the opening round, I believe he will cause Marciano more trouble than most folk believe. As Farr's left jab shook New York in 1937, Cockell's left jab may shake San Francisco in 1955. Cockell, I repeat, is no "bum!"

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS

By Sal Giacobbe

DANBURY'S third fistic offering of the year showed a marked improvement in attendance which should be encouraging to energetic promoter Pete Montesi. It was another real good card made up of several semi-pro bouts, topped by a six round pro bout between Jerry Luedee, 163, New Haven, and Gerrard Tessier, 162, Springfield. Luedee, much the better conditioned fighter, forced the fight all the way, dropped Tessier in the third and forced him to quit at the end of four rounds from a constant barrage.

Waterbury's Irish Pat Mallane's return to the squared circle didn't stir up the enthusiasm Promoter Tony Paoli had hoped for, so that only 500 fans showed up for his 8 round bout with Bobby Weaver of Hartford. Mallane, 136 pounds, was slow and sluggish in the early rounds as Weaver, 137, kept pecking away with light lefts and right crosses that hit the mark. In the fourth round, Mallane dumped Weaver with a good left hook and started to find the range with good combinations of left hooks and right crosses. Weaver was down once more in the fifth and twice in the sixth before referee Max Muravnick stepped in to save Weaver from further damage.

In the scheduled 6 round semi-final Waterbury's Tony Mascia 139 KO'd Gus Robinson 141, Norwalk, in the first round.

Waterbury—Before about 800 fans and gate of $1,627.50, Union City's Pat Mallane met a recent conqueror, George Beery of Garry, Indiana, in the feature 10 round attraction. Mallane started fast and held an advantage in the early rounds. Beery, 136, kept getting stronger as Mallane, 133½, started to slow up from his earlier pace, so that going into the last two rounds there was no doubt that Mallane was well on his way to his second defeat at the hands of Beery.

In a very good 6 round semi-final bout Tony Mascia 138½, Waterbury, defeated Jimmy Piper 140, New York City. Mascia's margin of victory was in scoring a knockdown in both the fifth and sixth rounds. Billy King 202, Waterbury, lost a close 4 round duke to Oliver Wilson, 192, Hartford. Billy Lambert 198, Naugatuck scored a sensational 1 round knockout over Richie Norden 193 of Norwalk.

WORLD RATINGS

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10. Willard Nelson drew with Teddy Hall, 6, Teddy lost to Ernie Davis, 6, while Nelson bested Carl Brunson, 6.

Benny Artist beat Wilfredo Gerena, 6. Severo Fuentes beat Ben Escobar, 10. Sammy LaCrosse beat Chuck Carter, 6., and Chico Arroyo, 6.

Tony Mascia kayoed Gus Robinson, 1, and beat Jimmy Piper, 6. Tony DeCola beat Aaron Tart, 6.

Carlos Barragan and Beta Gonzalez fought a no contest, 10. Don Mason drew with Willie Dillon, 5. Frank Dixon beat Richie DeCerio, 6.

Isaac Vaughn decisioned Frankie Betts, 6. Don Sacco defeated Paul Felix, 6.

Louis Poncy stopped Andre Pierson, 10. J. W. Henry upset Marvin Droddy, 6, and beat Bobby Garza, 6. George Easterling stopped Al Boudreaux, 9.

Spanish Champion Fred Galiana halted Louis Carrara, 7. Tony Celano drew with Rip Russell, 6, Rip then bested Billy Morgan, 6.

Stan Smith kayoed Bobby Bond, 1. Ralph Cervantes and Ernie Davis, drew, 8.

Lozaro Alfonso stopped Maurice Manny, 3. Danny Davis defeated Russ Tague, 6.

Bobby Moore and Bobby Laffin drew, 8. Johnny Miller drew with Bola Lawal, 8. Elias Valentin outscored Ernesto Pumarajo, 6.

European Champion Duilio Loi outclassed Guy Gracia, 10.

Kid Centella halted Noel Humphreys, 6. Giancarlo Garbelli decisioned Morlay Kamara, 10. Eddie Chavez stopped Walde Fusaro, 10. Bobby Woods bested Carlos Chavez, 10.

George Collins upset Tommy Tibbs, 10. Aldo Menti defeated Rocky Randell, 12. Gilberto Muniz stopped Juan Luis Campos, 7. Willie Stevenson tnished Al Duarte, 3. Paul Jorgensen kayoed Celso Hidalgo, 9. Bobby Bickle beat Eddie Brant, 10. Tony Puleo beat Lewellyn Richardson, 6.

George Macias whipped Lou Filippo, 10. Stan Smith and Tony DeCola drew, 6.

Norman Johnson stopped Ralph Capone, 5.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Sandy Saddler halted lightweight Kenny Davis, 5, (non-title).

Ciro Morasen outpointed Joe Lorenzo, 10.

Kid Anahuac defeated Julio Escobeda, 10. Gene Smith kayoed Johnny Robbins, 4.

Orlando Castillo and Victor ((Sonny) Leon drew, 10, then Castillo outpointed Leon in 10. Jose Cotero whipped Russ Tague, 10.

Lauro Salas lost to lightweight Don Jordan, 12. Willie Pep outboxed Charley Titone, 10, then lost to Gil Cadilli, 10.

Angel Aldama defeated Juan Leanos, 10. Akiyoshi Akanuma beat Yoshiharu Yokoi, 10.

Cesar Morales beat Felipe Novelo, 10. (twice) and kayoed Roch Carvajal, 7. Jose Bruno kayoed Eliseco Escalada, 5, Gerardo Pino, 4, Jose Luna, 2, and Alfredo Ramirez, 10.

Bobby Courchesne defeated Pat Marcune, 10, and Rocky Sullivan, 8. Ricardo Gonzalito, beat Ismael El Bitar, 10, kayoed Jose Rossi, 2. Gerardo Gonzalez in 3, and drew with Manuel Alvarez, 10.

Trini Ruiz decisioned Beto Couary, 10. Billy Evans stopped Luke Sandoval, 6.

Martin Rodriquez decisioned Tomas Castillo, 10, Tomas beat Humberto Carrillo, 10. Alfredo Bunetta kayoed Luis Carbone, 2. Harold Gomes bested Art Mullin, 8.

Freddie Bravo scored over Dave Gonzales, 8. Felipe Sosa kayoed Memo Martinez, 2., and beat Oscar Torres, 10.

Eddie Henderson beat Johnny Jannic, 7. Australian Champion Russell Sands stopped Peter Roeten, 12.

Dick Ramazetti outscored Herky Kaminsky, 6, and kayoed Jimmy Hurley, 3.

Sec Gonzales drew with Leory Richards, 10. Stan Sequeria decisioned Cleo Lane, 6, but lost to Julian Valesquez, 8.

Guillermo Medina defeated Manuel Perdomo, 10. Luis Contreras stopped Chamaco Ortiz, 8. Freddie Fuller beat Jetro Carson, 6., and Benny Singleton, 6., but was stopped by lightweight Norman Young, 3.

Wayne Cooke kayoed Tony Mesa, 5. Carmen Iacobucci scored over Calrence Wooten, 6. Jamie Basquez defeated Luis Castillo, 10.

Cesar Saavedra kayoed Rafael Vasquez, 9. Baudilio Martinez kayoed Freddie Guzman, 3. and Tony Villa, 2. Joaquin Carrillo drew with Transito Ramirez, 10.

Manolo Luna optpointed Andres Gonzales, 10. Martin Morales kayoed Tacho Martinez, 2.

Joe Corso drew with Roch Carvajal, 10, but lost to Roberto Lagunes, 10. South African Champion Willie Toweel outpointed Jean Bichot, 10. Sergio Cardenas beat Felix Triana, 8, then drew with Alfredo Triana, 8, Al beat Luis Mesa, 6.

Willie Lucero stopped Joey Trujillo, 7. Carlos Lara kayoed Tecolote Carrillo, 3.

Hogan Bassey stowed away Marcel Ranvial, 5. Enrique Lamelas beat Sergio Penalver, 8. Baby Dundee bested Puyas Boy, 8.

Billy Fitzgerald kayoed Guy Langlois, 3. Al Custer beat Bert Gonzales, 8 and drew with Little Murillo, 8.

Leo Alonzo kayoed Larry Bataan, 4. Baby Navan kayoed Al Barretto, 2. Jean Sneyers whipped Andre Younsi, 10.

Pastor Casado whipped Felix Carrion, 6. French Champion Cherif Hamia stopped Jacinto Santin, 4. Nai Songkiat outpointed Sonny Chia, 10. Tommy Bain flattened Joey Gambino, 6. Billy Short outpointed Bert Callahan, 10. Charley Titone outscored Owen Romero, 10. Ronnie Bagley whipped Russ Tague, 6. Emil Tindle stopped Ben Escobar, 9.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

N.B.A. Champion Raton Macias kayoed Memo Sanchez, 6. British Champion Peter Keenan won vacant Empire title by outpointing Australian Champion Bobby Sinn, 15.

Hilaire Pratesi won French Championship by kayoing Andre Valignat, 2. Henry (Pappy) Gault was stopped by Keeny Teran, 2.

Otilio Galvan beat Oscar Torres, 10. Rogelio Saucedo kayoed Raul Solis, 7. Cuban Champion Orlando Reyes retained his title by stopping Humberto Llerandi, 4.

Mike Hernandez defeated Felipe Novelo, 10. Little Cesar upset flyweight Danny Kid, 10.

Fernando Gagnon was kayoed by flyweight Oscar Suarez, 9. Pedro Miranda outpointed Juan Bishop, 12.

Manuel Armenteros defeated Teddy Roberts, 10, and Joe Boland, 10. Baby Ruiz stopped Rudy Coronado, 6.

Gerry Simpson stopped Young Saint, 7. drew with Cleo Ortiz, 8, then beat George Murray, 8.

Benny Singleton lost to featherweight Freddy Muller, 6. Luis Villa won on a disqualification over Mario de Leon, 7.

George Valverde beat Sapito Jiminez, 10, and kayoed Augustin Campos, 2. Urbano Velazquez kayoed Mario Zapata, 7. and drew with Antonio Rosado, 8.

Jorge Gabino drew with flyweight Eddie Luna, 10. Raul Leanos defeated Chino Flores, 8. Colin Barber edged out Tommy Icke, 8.

Benny Landeros drew with Jesus Mejia, 10. Sal Ruiz beat Lucio Hidalgo, 8.

Gene Aragon defeated Fighting Gorio, 8. Piero Rollo stopped Hilaire Gaviano, 3.

Augustin Campos kayoed Mario Ibara, 6. Manuel Mosqueda decisioned Erundino Lopez, 6.

Henry Miramontes stopped Rudy Gonzales, 4, and Juan Perez, 4. Camilo Silva bested Ango River Boy, 8.

Midget Louis drew with Frisco Concepcion, 8. Frisco also drew with Plaza Boy, 8. Frisco Reyes defeated Ross Padilla, 10. Baby Quintana and Young Cading drew 6.

Manuel Armenteros decisioned Otillo Galvan, 10. Bobby Singleton defeated Eddie Freeman, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Keeny Teran stopped bantamweight Henry (Pappy) Gault, 2.

Danny Kid lost to bantamweight Little Cesar, 10.

Taffy Hancock stopped Vince Blake, 4, but was halted by Teddy Rainbow, 9.

Oscar Suarez kayoed Fernando Gagnon, 9. Ramon Cruz kayoed Mario Zapata, 7.

Nando Carvajal kayoed Baby Amaya, 5. and Billetero Rodriquez, 4.

South African Champion Gerry Jooste stopped former title-holder Marcus Temple, 3. Marcel Gendon kayoed Gaston Bisson, 2.

Little Brown kayoed Bino Manolo, 6. then drew with Leo Zulueta, 8. Leo defeated Cunning Andy, 8, Andy drew with Laudinez Jr. 6. Peter Zapata kayoed Zurdo Castillo, 4.

Jake Tuli stopped Ola Enoch, 4. Eddie Luna drew with bantamweight Jorge Gabino, 10.

Mario de Leon lost to bantamweight Luis Vill on a disqualification in 7. Pat Supple whipped Jean-Paul Tremblay, 4.

Lorenzo Morera kayoed Rolando Urrutia, 3. Aguedo Perez kayoed Leo Silegas, 2. Raytranco Kid bested Mario Manuel, 8.

World Champion Pascual Perez knocked out Alberto Beranghi in 3. (non-title).

Speedy Akira regained Japanese title by defeating Takeshi Yamaguichi, 10. Aristide Pozzali trimmed Attiaben Aissa, 8.

Tanny Campo defeated Danny Kid, 10.

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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JACK BENCE

THROUGH courage, determination, and long hours of exercise, Jack Bence conquered infantile paralysis and has gone on to become one of the better wrestlers.

Almost fatally stricken at the age of nine, his belief that polio could be beaten, led him on.

During the war, he received the Navy Cross for saving six (6) men's lives by swimming through enemy mined waters, whose surface was covered with burning oil, and bringing these men back to the ship. To put it in his words. "I just had a lot of sea duty—and more luck."

Bence is no newcomer to wrestling—he was an amateur for 10 years and a pro for 5. He stands 5' 11" and weighs 220 lbs. A clean, scientific wrestler, his favorite hold is the flying headlock at which he is very adapt.

Jack has been married three years and is the possessor of a masters degree in Personnel & Guidance from Springfield (Mass.) College. Gardening and leathercraft are his hobbies.

All Jack's spare time is devoted to children and adults in hospitals—giving encouragement and aiding in the effort to help these people walk and play again. His biggest thrill is not the winning or losing of a match (which is also very important to him) but rather seeing someone take the first faltering steps on the road to recovery. Wrestling can be proud to have such a man among it's ranks.

MONTREAL GROANS

By Mike Davey

Montreal wrestling fans turned out en-masse to see their idol Pat O'Connor, 234, the grappler from New Zealand and the recognized world champion (Montreal version) turn the tables on the bad man from Windsor, Ontario, Wladek Kowalski.

The Forum, where the grunt and groan boys do their bit, was almost packed to capacity for this sizzler. This was the second time these two had met for the season.

The bout got off to a rousing start when Big Bill Miller, a 275-pound giant from Columbus, Ohio, who had engaged in an earlier match on the same card, strode into the ring to issue a challenge and, making as if he wanted to shake hands with O'Connor to wish him the best and all that sort of thing, promptly hauled off and walloped him one square in the face.

Kowalski, never one to pass up a good opportunity, dived across the ring at the stroke of the bell and finished off the still-groggy O'Connor in 45 seconds flat to take the first fall. It was a good three or four minutes before O'Connor could pick himself up off the canvas and retire to his corner to await the bell heralding the second round.

It was a different matter for the second and third falls. After tossing each other all over the Forum ring, the Irishman emerged the victor by copping the second fall with an airplane spin and the third with a press. O'Connor tried his airplane spin twice in succession on the 285-pound Polish-Canadian before he could put him away for the count.

When it was all over, Kowalski, not one of the most amiable of the grunt and groan brotherhood, walked over to O'Connor and, somewhat grudgingly, congratulated him on his victory.

The first meeting of these two in the 1955 season was a week previous when Kowalski got disqualified for roughing up referee Jack Sharkey and tearing the shirt off his back.

At the time of the disqualification, the falls were even. O'Connor had won the first fall with a knee drop and Kowalski took the second with a pile-driver. When the bout was awarded to Pat, Wladek immediately appealed the decision claiming that it was O'Connor who slugged Sharkey and not him in the general mix-up. To settle it once and

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NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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Should Rocky land a haymaker such as he did on Walcott, Charles and La Starza and put the Cockell receiving station out of commission, there's no telling what the reaction will be with Prof. Miller and how he will be able to relay his brain wave message on time to have Don beat the count of the doleful decimal.

Interesting, though far-fetched—nevertheless.

SETS BAD PRECEDENT

Rules are made to be obeyed but sometimes it pays, even though the penalty may be high, to turn the eyes the other way. As for example in the case of Dr. Swetnick, the New York Boxing Commission medico in charge at the Eastern Parkway Arena. In the fifth round of the fight between Danny Giovanelli and Jimmy Martinez of Glendale, Arizona, Danny dropped his man with a left to the body and a right to the head and Jimmy appeared to be in poor condition as he was taking a count.

When he got to his feet, he was shaky and as Giovanelli came forward to launch another attack, Dr. Swetnick, sensing danger, despite the rule which prohibits the doctor from stopping a bout, got into the ring and halted the contest. The rules stipulate that when a doctor sees danger approaching, he must recommend to the referee to halt the bout, not to interfere with the progress of the bout. But Dr. Swetnick decided to do the job himself and was severely critized by the press but was praised by the commission for his quick action.

Perhaps it was in the best interests of the sport and Martinez but the action sets a bad precedent. It is a simple matter for the medico to instruct the referee act, but even better if the officials showed alertness by acting on their own.

BAKER STRENGTHENS POSITION

When Bob Baker added Julio Mederos to his list of victims in their Garden bout, he strengthened his position among the top rated heavyweights and eliminated the hard hitting Cuban who has been touted to the skies as a top contender. Maderos showed a lack of science and a lack of boxing skill, but he does possess a good sock. Perhaps with additional experience and training he will duplicate the feat of Agromonte and Valdes, countrymen who hit the high spot.

GRAZIANO'S LIFE STORY

There is more to the story of boxing than the skill and the power behind one's punches. Too frequently we forget to investigate the human side of the quaint characters in pugilism. Boxers, like the rest of us are human and often the human side of the individual far surpasses in interest his fighting qualities.

Such was the story of Max Baer, Maxie Rosenbloom and Battling Siki among others who headlined the sports pages for many years and now we have another in the latest "thespian" among pugilists, a boy who made his way from rags to riches, from the slum area of New York to the movies and the theatre, from hoodlumisn, juvenile delinyuency and prison cells to a post of honor in the new profession to which he has been graduated.

Let's introduce to you the former world middleweight champion, Rocky Graziano, one time gangster whose bare fists enabled him to gain the leadership of an East Side mob, made life miserable for the minions of the law and who as he grew into young manhood turned the power of his punches into almost a million dollars and a world championship. And to-day, following his ring retirement, he is Martha Raye's leading man on a weekly television show which is seen by millions.

In the book, "Somebody Up There Likes Me," his life story written with the help of Rowland Barber, (Simon and Shuster—$3.95), we get the full background of the East Side Kid who went sour on the world twenty years ago and pummelled all who stood in his path including an army officer for which assault he served time in a military prison. It is a story exceedingly well told by his ghost writer, reproduced in the vocabulary of the inarticulate Rocky. It is a dramatic story of juvenile gangsterism, an intimate picture of the sordid life tough kids lead.

Step by step Barber takes the reader along the "Rags to Riches" road, one which like all of the Horatio Alger tales, leads our hero to the pinnacle of fame.

The only difference between the Alger hero and the hero of Rowland Barber's book is that the latter deals with a real character, not a make-believe one. There's plenty of kick in "Somebody Up There Likes Me", a kick such as Rocky Graziano exhibited in his three great fights with Tony Zale.

The book may be obtained through "The Ring Book Shop."

PATH TO THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

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Jersey Joe Walcott was a hitter who retained his punch at an age when knockout power and sharp reflexes have long deserted most fighters. A cagy boxer with it he finally got his wallop over after years of trying, and wound up the heavyweight champion of the world.

THE heavyweight throne has been occupied at one time or another by men of varied styles and methods. Hitting power may entrance the customers but a look backwards over the list of the successful, shows the boxers have done very well.

Corbett, Tunney, Jack Sharkey, Charles, none noted as knockout punchers all made the grade. As might be expected, the blasters, John L. Sullivan, Dempsey and Louis—proved most magnetic and the greatest public idols.

A couple of giants eased into the big spot, Carnera and Willard.

James J. Braddock made it on faith and courage.

Schmeling did most of his fighting using only one hand as did Max Baer but both wound up worlds champions.

Strength and ruggedness turned the trick for Jim Jeffries. Pure Defense put Jack Johnson up there.

It appears that the path to the heavyweight title is open to any heavyweight who can do anyone of several things well enough.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By Billy Shaw

A GATHERING of only 2,650 fans turned out at War Memorial Auditorium for the 10 round return battle between Chico Vejar and Billy Graham, the very popular New Yorker. Televised nationally and surprisingly not "blacked out" locally, although it was not announced, the bout would be seen on a local station, the fight proved one thing—Graham apparently is at the end of the fistic trail. Billy's reflexes are away off kilter. Countless times he saw openings in Vejar's defense, but seldom was able to score. The ever-plodding Chico punched Graham around pretty much as he pleased to win the unanimous decision of Referee: Ray Miller, 5-4-1, and Judges: Jack Kimball, 6-3-1, Ted Shiels, 8-1-1. Only the referee had it close.

The gross gate of $8,500 fell far below expectations. Each fighter received $4,000 from T-V and the promoter, Norm Rothschild who combined with the IBC to present the show, is said to have hauled down $2,000 from the sponsor.

Vejar's youth, speed and aggressiveness, offset the scientific assault of Graham. Billy scored several times with jarring hooks and right-crosses, but never fazed the busy Chico, who kept belting them in from all angles. Vejar scaled 154½ pounds, which is too much poundage for this youngster. Graham, a natural middleweight at 156½ pounds.

A rough miller, Ray Drake, 156½, Brooklyn, won a heavily booed decision from Eddie Prince, 152, Poughkeepsie, in the 8-round semi-final. Sammy Jackson, 170, Syracuse, compiled an easy one-sided win over Johnny Johnson, 176½, Buffalo, in 4 rounds. Mickey Savage, 153, Detroit, now managed by the Amos boys, won by a clean knockout over Harry Budniewski, 158, Dunkirk, in the third round of a scheduled sixer. Bobby Jackson, 162, Cleveland, outpointed Leo Owens, 162½, Syracuse, in the opening six. Jimmy DiMura, 132, Syracuse, won from Elmo Miller, 132, Chicago, in a fast six rounder, which was staged after the main event.

BOXING IN PUERTO RICO

By Mario Rivera Martino

FOR the first time in my association with boxing as a reporter, both here and in the states, this correspondent had to pay his way in to report a professional boxing program. The stupidity of it all is magnified when you consider that this reporter was covering the event for The Ring Magazine, a publication of world renown and international coverage unmatched in its class.

The feature event of the program, which was held at the Sixto Escobar Staduim, saw Francisco Colon Garcia, 134½, Puerto Rico, score a 10-0 shut-out over George La Malza, 135, Philadelphia, in ten heats. There is no doubt that Colon-Garcia would have scored a knockout if it were not for the fact that he suffered a fracture of his left hand in the third round. Being a south-paw, Francisco was denied his best weapon, due to this fracture, but had enough on the ball to cop all ten rounds over his inexperienced rival.

The semi-final saw Pastor Casado, 126, score a decision in six rounds over Felix Hernandez Carrion, 126, in the best bout of the evening. In another six rounder Elias Valentin, 132, outpointed Ernesto Pumarejo, 136.

Pablo Casado was awarded an unpopular four round decision over Felix Fines. They are featherweights.

In the opening four Ramon Carmona scored a four round TKO over Rivera. They are featherweights.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

TO this agent, who has known Mickey Walker from the outset of his flamboyant ring career, it was an interesting job that Ralph Edwards did on the Elizabeth Thunderbolt in his top-rated TV program, "This Is Your Life."

Along with Walker and his family, including brother Joe, current New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner, guests were Johnny Anthes, Mickey's first manager; Dominick Orsini, his first preliminary opponent; Jack Britton, from whom he snatched the welterweight title, and Lew Tendler, who gave him one of his toughest battles as 147-pound champion.

We thought, however, that some mention could have been made of Walker's second and third managers, Jack Bulger and Jack Kearns, who maneuvered him through the peak years of his colorful career. Bulger long since passed on, but Kearns still is very much alive, and probably would have welcomed an invitation to appear on the program.

It also would have been an interesting touch to have presented the party who handed Walker his first defeat—and in such emphatic fashion that Mickey, discouraged, nearly quit his ring career when it was just beginning.

The incident happened in old Forresters Hall, Elizabeth, N. J., in 1919.

Walker, with his exciting slam-bang style, was fast becoming a popular attraction in his native Betsytown. In seven bouts, 18-year-old Mickey, then scaling around 128 pounds, had fought himself up through the preliminaries and into semi-final status. Another win or two and he'd be a main-eventer.

This night Walker was to have met Irish Patsy Rice of Bayonne. (If we recall rightly, the windup number was a featherweight affair between Willie Davis of Elizabeth and Joe Forgione of Newark.)

Rice, pleading illness, pulled out of the match with Walker. A kid from New York, who hadn't fought professionally, but had some amateur experience, was substituted.

THE fight didn't last long, but it was a gee-whizzer while it did. The New Yorker was the same sort of slugger as Walker, and once the two were turned loose, fists flew all over the premises. Out of all the whirling leather, a thunderous right caught Walker on the chin. Down he went, completely out. The gong suddenly rang, ending the round. His handlers hauled Mickey back to his corner and worked frantically to revive him. They couldn't. When the bell clanged for the second round, Walker was still out.

Disaster of this sort can be mighty discouraging for any young fighter, but Mickey, shaking off its effects, decided to continue his ring career. He went on to win two world titles, welterweight and middleweight, and become a contender for two others, light-heavyweight and heavyweight.

The kid who flattened him that night?

The gods of destiny weren't so generous to K.O. Phil Delmont, of New York's Lower East Side. With the late Doc Robb Lippman handling him, Delmont's career was brief, though exciting while it lasted. That kayo of Walker was no accident. Delmont, grown into a lightweight, was a tremendous puncher, and piled up a remarkable knockout record. But Phil's hands, too brittle for the power they exploded, were constantly undergoing repairs. Eventually, they became so badly mangled that Delmont had to quit the ring after about thirty fights in three years. K.O. Phil is now driving a taxi in Miami Beach.

RING-LETS. . . . Discussing Mickey Walker, who now puts oil paints instead of opponents on canvasses, he has just held a one-man exhibition of his art in the Associated Artists Galleries here, and his efforts drew some highly complimentary observations from local critics. . . . Mickey, incidentally, is planning to take over Champ Segal's defunct bar-and-grill, "The House of Champs," and rechristen it "Glove and Palette." Looks like stiff competition with three all-time greats, Walker, Jack Dempsey and Tony Canzoneri, operating taverns within a block-and-a-half stretch on Broadway.

It's nearly eighteen years since a Britisher last had a crack at the world heavyweight title. That, of course, was when Tommy Farr met Joe Louis in New York's Yankee Stadium in August, 1937. It's an interesting twist that the Marciano-Cockell affair in San Francisco pits against each other the two guys who finished the long ring careers of Louis and Farr. The curtain was dropped on Shufflin' Joe when Marciano flattened him in the eighth round in Madison Square Garden in October, 1951. Farr called it quits after Cockell stopped him in the seventh round in Nottingham ("Notts" to you Britishers) in March, 1953.

The ubiquitious Harry Sperber, former sports editor of the German-language *New Yorker Herold* and *Staats-Zeiting*, is doing a swell job with a Sunday evening (6:30–6:45) TV program, "Foreign Press Report," for Station WAAT in Newark. As captain in the U. S. Army, Harry was one of the chief translators during the trials of the Nazi war criminals in Nurenberg.

The Veteran Boxers Association of America is really expanding. The latest chapter to organize is Hudson County Lodge 14 in New Jersey, with thirty-five members as a start. Stanley Poreda has been elected permanent chairman, while other officers are Jack DeMave, president; Owen McCabe (Young Rector), vice president; Tommy Brady, treasurer; Allie Tedesco, recording secretary; Lew Snyder, financial secretary, and Bucky Keyes, sergeant-at-arms. Jimmy Delmont, Billy Parker, Frank Nelson, Jimmy Carter and Nick Williams compose the Board of Trustees. Quite a gang of the County's favorites of yesteryear haven't joined as yet, but hopes are that it won't be long until the membership includes the likes of Joe Jeannette, Frankie Burns, Joe Shugrue, Johnny Howard, Jeff Smith, Irish Johnny Curtin, Mike Ballerino, Billy Vidabeck, Harold Mays, Irish Bobby Brady, Lou Lombardi, Steve Dudas and Jim Braddock. (Boy, oh, boy: what the sock market wouldn't give for a few fighters of that calibre today!)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS. . . . If he succeeds in retaining the British middleweight laurels in his coming get-together with unbeaten (34 straight wins) Pat McAteer in Liverpool, Johnny Sullivan would like to get into the scramble for a crack at Bobo Olson and the world title. With his exciting style and lusty punch, plus the always attractive international touch, Sullivan would represent good box-office with Olson. Johnny may have to await his chance, however. Report has it that France's Charley Humez is slated for the next shot at Bobo and the title.

The dwindling ranks of survivors of the *belle epoque* of boxing in France lost another member when Henri

Bernstein, 68, died recently in Paris. Bernstein was rated France's top referee in the lush years preceding and immediately following World War I, when boxing was in its thriving infancy there and the old Cirque de Paris was the Madison Square Garden of the European continent. Bernstein handled most of the important fights involving such American visitors as Willie Lewis, Joe Jeannette, Sam McVey, Billy Papke and Jeff Smith. He also refereed the Georges Carpentier-Battling Siki bout which set a French attendance record of 50,000 in Paris' big outdoor Buffalo Stadium in 1922.

On the subject of French boxing, we note that Philippe Filippi is still collecting championships with his industrious troupe. The latest entry, young Hilaire Pratesi, turned in a sensational job in demolishing rugged, ringwise Andre Valignat in two rounds in Marseilles for the national bantam title. In his third year of pro campaigning, Pratesi has only one draw to mar an otherwise perfect slate. Of his twenty-four wins, he has split knockouts and decisions evenly, twelve each. Monsieur Filippi's stable now includes one European champion (middleweight Charley Humez), and three French title-holders (lightweight Seraphin Ferrer, featherweight Cherif Hamia and Pratesi.)

Training again after the automobile smashup that put him in the hospital with a fractured jaw, several cracked ribs and a crushed chest, Robert Cohen plans a couple of tuneup bouts before setting a new date for his postponed world bantam title affair with Willie Toweel in Johannesburg. If Cohen suffers no ill effects from the accident, and is still champion after the Toweel episode, he won't have far to look for future work. He'll have three live challengers waiting—his new French rival, Pratesi; the rugged Italian, Mario D'Agata (also back in training after being used for target practice by his pistol-packin' laundry partner), and the world champion of Tony Petronella, Mexico's Raul Raton Macias.

AFTER THE BELL. . . . Scaling his prices from $20 down to $5, Syracuse Promoter Norman Rothschild is enthusiastically predicting a complete sellout for the Tony DeMarco-Carmen Basilio welterweight title affair June 10. With an approximate seating capacity of 9,000, a capacity turnout in the Onondaga County War Memorial Auditorium will represent about $115,000. Added to this, of course, will be the TV revenue, probably $40,000.

With only half a dozen clubs licensed in all New York State—and not more than three of them operating on regular schedules—it is interesting to note that a real boxing boom is on in Texas. Clubs are running steadily in Houston, Beaumont, Fort Worth, Dallas, Galveston, Tyler, Robstown, Corpus Christi, San Antonio and El Paso. The first "mixed" bout ever held in Houston—Paul Jorgensen kayoing Harold Dade—drew a gate of $7,200. Jim Norris and his I.B.C. would do well to investigate possibilities of some big-time operations down yonder.

After nine years of smooth teamwork, the manager-fighter combination of Harry Stickevers and Paddy Young has parted. Paddy's new pilot is Dewey Bentham, a stranger to boxing but a prominent figure in horse racing circles. Nick Florio, who has handled the training assignment since Young began his pro career in 1946, will continue to look after the Greenwich Villager's conditioning schedules.

THE month's results:

In the most impressive performance he had yet uncovered, youthful Carmelo Costa, 130, Brooklyn, combined flashy boxing and snappy two-handed punching to whip aggressive Joey Lopes, 130, Sacramento, Cal., in a furiously-fought ten in Madison Square Garden. For concerted action from better-grade youngsters, the bout was one of the best seen hereabouts in a long time. Both offensively and defensively, Costa was a bit too fast for Lopes, but the determined Californian, maintaining a sizzling pace all the way, was dangerous right up to the final bell. It may have been his promotion to Garden headline status, but whatever the reason, Costa displayed more combativeness than had previously been his wont. Instead of relying entirely on hit-and-run tactics, Carmelo frequently took the play away from Lopes and outpunched him in lively exchanges. The Brooklynite had one rough passage en route, however. He was nailed by a vicious right to the chin in the eighth. His legs buckled and he stumbled groggily, but fought his way out of trouble. Ray Drake, 160½, won from Marvin Edelman, 165½, Philadelphia, in a scrambling semi-final eight. Itzy Wallach, 147, East Side, whipped lanky Henny Winchman, 146¾, West Side, in six. In fours, Rory Calhoun, 160¼, White Plains, was too strong for rangy Mel Collins, 155½, Trenton; Angelo Defendes, 166, Brooklyn, had the better of a borough rival, Lou Perry, 166, and Gene Poirer, 147¾, Niagara Falls, stopped Benny Washington, 145, Brooklyn, at 2:23 of the second.

His colorful past caught up to Mickey Walker on top-rated TV program, "This Is Your Life." Among those appearing were (left to right) Dominick Orsini, Mickey's first opponent; Ralph Edwards, producer and M.C. of the program; Jack Britton, from whom Walker won the welterweight title; Mickey himself, and Lew Tendler, who gave him one of his toughest fights as champion.

By the slim margin of one point, Joe Rowan, 182, Philadelphia, edged out burly Wayne Bethea, 191½, Bronx, in a hard-fought ten at Eastern Parkway Arena. With the New York area blacked out for TV, the meeting of the young heavyweights drew a surprisingly large turnout of 3,100, the box-office reporting a gross of $5,163. A better boxer and sharper puncher, Rowan pretty well bossed operations during the first half, but the lumbering, persistent Bethea gradually wore him down and at the finish there was very little to choose between the rivals. Judge Nick Gamboli tabbed for Bethea, Judge Bert Grant favored Rowan, and Referee Mark Conn, voting the fight even in rounds, cast the deciding vote for Rowan on a 6-5 point count. Johnny Orgen, 203, Bronx, was too strong for Dave Bondulich, 181, Argentina, in the semi-final six. Howie Turner, 203, Brooklyn, outfought Alexander Brown, 209, Paoli, Pa., in another six. In a trio of fours, Al Anderson, 178, gave away twenty pounds and a licking to a rival Brooklynite, Tony Esperti, 198; Warrinell Lester, 180, Bel Air, Md., decisioned the veteran Jimmy Walls, 188, Englewood, N. J., and Ernie Giddings, 175, Philadelphia, halted Egray Riley, 172, Bronx, at 2:01 of the first. It was Giddings' third one-round kayo in four pro starts.

The South American Way wasn't quite good enough for the North American Style, and highly-touted Rafael Merentino, 157½, Argentina, was unexpectedly outscuffled by Jackie LaBua, 157, East Meadow, in a crude ten at St. Nicholas Arena. It was Merentino's second showing at St. Nick's, and he wasn't as lucky this time as he had been in his debut, when a nasty gash over Rinzy Nocereo's eye gave him credit for an eight-round technical kayo. The harder hitter of the pair, Merentino was aggressor most of the way against LaBua, but couldn't do much with Jackie's awkwardly clever tactics. The Argentino did manage to connect with a couple of lusty left hooks, but they didn't seem to bother LaBua unduly. The Long Islander did most of his scoring with lunging left jabs and an occasional roundhouse right, for which Merentino had little defense. It was a fairly even affair going into the closing rounds, but Merentino tired, and LaBua cinched the verdict by his stronger finish. Visiting Jerseyans posted a 2-1-1 score in supporting bouts. The loser was Ralph Giordano, 144, Newark, who was outpointed by Johnny Lissy, 145½, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. The draw was accounted for by Dick Cannady, 150½, Newark, who divided honors with Andy Figueroa, 151, Puerto Rico, in another six. The winners, both in fours, were Johnny Smith, 141, Paterson, who decisioned George Tedesco, 139, Bronx, and Frank LaPola, 164½, Orange, who halted Jorge Luis Vega, 158½, Bronx, at 1:09 of the fourth.

The punch that flattened Roland LaStarza in Miami Beach a few weeks previously made little impression on burly Bob Baker, 209¼, Pittsburgh, and the crude, wild-swinging Julio Mederos, 190¼, Cuba, was given a boxing lesson in a monotonous ten in Madison Square Garden. In nearly every round Mederos managed to bounce a lusty left or right off Baker's chin, and a couple of times Bob's knees buckled, but the Pittsburgher shook off the punches and went about the job of cooly, methodically giving the Cuban a thorough lacing. A good boxer for a big fellow, Baker had entirely too many combinations for Mederos, and at times hit him where and when he willed, but he lacked the punch to finish his outclassed opponent. A left jab and awkward cleverness won for Herbie Hayes, 172¼, Elmhurst, over previously unbeaten Johnny Jenkins, 178, Harlem, in the semi-final eight. Another promising youngster also suffered his first setback when Danny Mendoza, 136, West Side, was outpointed by Frankie Madison, 138¼, Bronx, in six. Tony Gagliardo, 179¼, Brooklyn, beat Artie Lucido, 183¾, Bronx, in another six. In fours, Bob O'Brien, 192, West Side, won from Jack Jacobs, 190¼, Harlem, and Gale Kerwin, 140¼, Valley Stream, stopped Artie McCann, 190, Yorkville, at 1:47 of the second. Attendance 3,808; gross gate $10,730.

A new twist was supplied at Eastern Parkway Arena when the club physician, Dr. Sam Swetnick, didn't wait until the end of a round to recommend a fight be stopped. He hopped into the ring midway through the fifth to save Jimmy Martinez, 156, Glendale, Ariz., from further punishment at the fists of a rejuvenated Danny Giovanelli, 154, Brooklyn. Referee Barney Felix seemed astounded at first, but after consulting the medico he halted the bout. It was Giovanelli's first start in six months, and the lanky Brooklynite apparently benefitted from the long rest. He was a bit rusty for two rounds but found the range in the third when he blasted Martinez to the ropes and pinned him there for a full minute, slamming away with both hands. The Arizonan disintegrated rapidly from then on. After absorbing a vicious body lacing in the fourth, Martinez was floored early in the fifth. He arose groggily at ten and fell into a clinch. While Giovanelli was trying to wrestle himself loose, Dr. Swetnick intervened. Time of round: 1:42. Yama Bahama, 152½, Bimini, Fla., grabbed the verdict from Mario Moreno, 149, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Benny Artist, 135, Brooklyn, was an easy winner over Wilfredo Gerena, 137½, Puerto Rico, in another six. In fours, Bobby Shell, 144, Washington, D. C., decisioned Tony Coleman, 146, Rochester, N. Y., and Al McQueen, 155, Long Island City, drew with Neely Welch, 156, Brooklyn. Another fine turnout, estimated at 3,500, witnessed the locally blacked-out TV card.

Physically and mentally, those two crushing defeats by Jimmy Carter in San Francisco and Seraphin Ferrer in Paris apparently finished Paddy DeMarco as a headliner. The Brooklyn Bully Boy, former world lightweight champion, was little more than a timid, uncertain memory of his one-time self as he floundered his way to a split decision over youthful Libby Manzo, 138, Elmhurst, in a sloppy wrestling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Paddy scaled 140¼ for the bout. His old hustling, bustling style was conspicuously missing, and he fought as though he had no confidence in himself. The affair was marred by frequent clinching and aimless mauling, and Referee Harry Ebbets had occasion to warn both boys for butting. Neither was in serious trouble at any time, and the only physical souvenirs collected from the inept action were a slight cut alongside Manzo's left eye and a minor scrape on DeMarco's nose. Tony DeCola, 137½, Brooklyn, had the better of Aaron Tart, 131½, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. Another six produced a decision for Tony Pacenza, 170, newcomer from the Argentine, over Frank Ford, 174, Bronx. In a couple of fours, Johnny Gorman, 139, Brooklyn, outpointed Danny Roberts, 141, Newark, and Eddie Lynch, 150, West Side, whipped Warren Hegge, 151, Brooklyn.

Meeting up with an opponent who could outhustle him, Gene Fullmer, 154, West Jordan, Utah, suffered his first defeat in thirty professional bouts when he was soundly thrashed by Gil Turner, 151, Philadelphia, in a sizzling ten at Eastern Parkway Arena. What the bout may have lacked in science it more than supplied in free-swinging action, with Turner proving more durable than the

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IN SUNNY California

By BILL MILLER

THE lightweight championship of California is still safely in the possession of Don Jordan, following his split decision victory over Lauro Salas at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., before an estimated crowd of 7,000. It was a 12-rounder, non-televised.

There was a wide variance in the official verdict. Referee Tommy Hart voted for Jordan, 69-63; Judge Charley Randolph saw it the same way, by a margin of 68-64. But Judge George Latka sharply dissented; he saw Salas the winner by 68½-63½.

As usual, Salas started slowly. Midway in the fight, he staged his characteristic blazing offense, short but fiery spurts that brought roars of approval from the Latin fans. Jordan came on again in the closing rounds.

Jordan weighed 134½, Salas, 127¾.

Gate receipts were $14,400. The victory puts Jordan in line for a meeting with Cisco Andrade.

In the 10-round televised scrap on the same card, Wayne Cooke, 123½ and Tony Mesa, 125 staged a thriller, a real biff-bang battle that had the crowd on its feet throughout the first four rounds, that is, for the end came in Round Five when Cooke connected with a hard right to the head, to lay Mesa low for the full count. The time: 2:58.

Enthusiastic fans rained money in the ring. Close to $60. was accounted for.

Cooke's right eye was gashed by an unintential butt in the second heat. Despite the kayo, Mesa will soon be back at the Olympic.

The four-rounders: Al Nevarez, 136, decisioned Bobby Ramajo, 136½; Larry Flynn, 192, decisioned Clarence Williams, 199; and Mel Ferguson, 139½, decisioned Hector Garcia, 137.

Billy Evans, 126¾, Pasadena, turned in a surprise six-round TKO victory over heavily favored Luke Sandoval, 127, in the televised 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A.

Sandoval, who had won 10 of his 11 pro fights, was installed 4-1 choice over Canto Robleto's pride.

Evans took the aggressive right from the start, waging a two-fisted attack that had his opponent bleeding early in the scrimmage. His left hook was particularly effective. A gash under Sandoval's left eye was bleeding so badly in the 6th that it was necessary to halt hostilities.

The Pasadena battler had a comfortable lead on all score-cards.

In the companion ten, non-televised, Tombstone Smith, of Waco, Texas, 155, repeated a previous victory over Johnny Houston, Oakland, 155, scoring a 6-round TKO.

Houston had everything his own way for the first three rounds, and looked like a sure-shot winner. But the former national amateur champ tired in the fourth, and Smith started whipping rights to the head in that round. Houston came on again in the fifth. In the sixth, however, Houston was so tired that he appeared unable to defend himself, and Referee Jimmy Wilson stopped the fight after 2:15 of that round.

Dick Goldstein, 155, the refugee from Poland, continued his good work by trouncing Ray Lopez, 152, in the featured prelim. Other fours: Willard Henry, 163, drew with Hank Davis, 159½, and Ricardo Reyes, 195½, decisioned Johnny Mayes, 184.

Your correspondent at this writing, and for a couple of weeks past, has been at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, publicizing the world heavyweight title tiff between Rocky Marciano and Don Cockell, British Empire, champ.

This fight has caught on big, and from present indications may attract the biggest gate of Marciano's career. His top mark for gate receipts is $543,000. for the first fight with Ezzard Charles.

Jimmy Murray and Lou Thomas, who operate the National Boxing Club here, are co-promoting with the I.B.C., Jim Norris, president.

Irish Bob Woods of Spokane, like any good fighter, may have his off nights, but these never seem to occur when he battles in Sacramento. Fans who saw him score a six round TKO over Jimmy Savala of Fresno recalled that he won over highly touted Joe Lopes by a similar verdict several months ago.

The Capital City program, promoted by Jackie King, drew $1954.

Savala had his adherents rooting for a victory until Woods cut loose with a two-fisted attack in the sixth, which had the Fresnan helpless at the bell. Sid Flaherty, Savala's manager, asked that the seventh round not be started, and the referee complied.

The six-round semi-windup ended in a technical draw, when Dave Moreno, ahead on points at the close of the fifth round, had his left eye injured by an accidental butt from Joe Gallegos. Gallegos weighed 141, Moreno, 143.

The fours: Jim Pena, 132, KO'd Ray Gonzales, 127, in 3; Weyland Newsom, 144, halted Wade King, 145 in 2; Eddie Machen, 191, stopped Raul Flores, 244, in 1.

Billy Lanza, hard clouting Sacramento middleweight, continued his practice of spoiling the careers of ambitious youngsters by scoring a fifth round technical kayo over Jim Cody of Oakland in a scheduled ten-rounder at Richmond's Civic Auditorium. Lanza weighed 166, Cody 162.

A savage left hook cut open Cody's right eyelid in the fifth and forced referee Frankie Brown to stop the contest.

Lanza led most of the way. In the fourth he put Cody on the floor with a short right to jaw.

The program, promoted by Chuck Josephs, drew $1823 gross.

Sammy LaCrosse, 139, Modesto, outboxed Chuck Carter, 144, Richmond, to cop the verdict in the six-round special event.

Four-round prelims: Joe Louis III, 185, TKO'd Bill Winston, 175, in 3; Chuck Courtney, 147, dec. Curley Daniels, 151; Al Loretz, 160, outpointed Herschel Bailey, 162.

Smooth-working Maurice Harper continues to discourage veterans battlers who attempt to force him out of the charmed circle of the welterweight division. The Oakland precisionist won by a wide margin in taking a ten-round verdict from Livio Minelli of Italy in the headliner at Winterland Arena in San Francisco.

Livio Minelli, who had lost a decision to Harper three weeks previously, served as a second for his European compatriot. Point consensus of Referee Vern Bybee and two judges was 58-51. Harper weighed 148, Minelli 150.

Harper's left jab was his main weapon, and he kept it in Livio's face most of the evening. There were no knockdowns, and Minelli had the satisfaction of inflicting the most visible damage. Harper sustained a cut over his left eye in the sixth. He also suffered a cut over his right eye in the eighth.

Bobby Sanders, 143, won a six round decision over Alvin Moore in the feature event.

Four round prelims: Dave Johnson, 147, KO'd Bobby Martinez, 147, in 2; Don Sacco, 130, stopped Lucio Savala, 124, in 4; Chencho Chavez, 139, halted Willie Brown, 135, in 2.

Oakland fans saw highly touted Floyd Patterson, 174, go ten rounds for the first time, when the 20 year old Brooklyn speedster scored a technical kayo over Esau Ferdinand, 169, of San Francisco in the final canto. The encounter at Oakland Auditorium drew 7000 customers who paid $13,267. Jimmy Murray promoted.

Twice before Patterson had been slated for ten rounds, but in these bouts Floyd scored early knockouts.

Outside the third round, which was even, Ferdinand was on the losing end of all the others.

There was but one legitimate knockdown. Ferdinand was driven to the floor in the seventh by two short hooks and a right cross. He was up at two.

In the tenth a badly battered Ferdinand was smashed into the ropes by the tireless invader. As he leaned on the second strand, seemingly helpless, Referee Ray Flores called a halt.

The scheduled six-round semi-windup went only half way, when Jackie Torme, 183, Oakland, scored a TKO in the third over Jimmy Jackson, 183, Oakland.

The fours: Don Jose, 160, dec. Al Clark, 165; Marlin Monroe, 160, drew with George Mojica, 160; Alvin Moore, 144, outpointed Charlie Coffee, 149.

Veteran Luis Castillo, 123, Mexico City, knew too much about boxing for Willie Lucero, 125, at Ocean Park Arena. Castillo got off in front, and stayed there.

There was no question about the verdict. Referee Jimmy Wilson conservatively scored it 56-54; Judge Tommy Hart saw it 57½-52½, and Judge Herman's ballot read 58-52.

Gilberto Muniz, 142½, won the unanimous decision over Carlos Estrella, 142, in the six-round semi. Muniz overcame a first-round knockdown.

The fours: Harvey Taylor, 171, and Bill Harrington, 169, fought a one-round technical draw; Taylor was accidentally butted. Kid Babalu, 159, drew with Manuel Armstrong, 160; and Al Nevarez, 136, KO (1) over Joe Acosta, 139.

Jimmy Palazzola, 163½, fighting his first main event and his 16th pro fight, outroughed Jimmy Demery, 163, in a hard-fought ten-spot at Hollywood Legion Stadium. The verdict was unanimous, though Jimmy failed to live up to the expectations of his admirers. However, the lad isn't long out of the Marines, and will undoubtedly improve as times goes on.

Referee Reg Gillmore's vote was 56½-53½; Judge Jimmy Wallace, 59½-51½, and Judge Lee Grossman, 57-53.

In the companion ten, Sec Gonzalez, 127, defeated Jimmy Roybal, same weight; the gross was in the neighborhood of $3,000.

In the prelims, Tiger McHenry, 176, decisioned Larry Flynn, 196; Billy Blevins, 146½, defeated Andy Jones, 147½, and Jerry Marcus, 142¼, TKO (1) over Al Garza, 142¼.

Ramon Tiscareno, 147½, scored his 7th straight win at the expense of Art Soto, 152½, at Ocean Park Arena. Ramon was 4-1 choice. In the six-round semi, Everett Perez, 153, decisioned Joe Cardenas, 154. The fours: Manuel Armstrong, 159, duked Kid Babalu, 163; Al Nevarez, 136, decisioned Herman Beasley, 142; and Frankie Romero, 155, decisioned Johnny Harrison, 152.

Al Villafarra, 143, of New Orleans, a masterful counter-puncher, pounded out a convincing 10 round victory over Doug Kirby, 137, of San Francisco. They fought in the main event at Stockton's Memorial Auditorium.

Though the point score ended 59-51 against the Bay City battler, it looked like the final two rounds might even up matters. However, it was Villafarra who turned on the steam, his fast finish adding to his already sizeable margin. Kirby, managed by Sid Flaherty, is a stablemate of Champion Bobo Olson.

Pete Morelli was referee and only arbiter.

In a six rounder, Abe Nance, 145, decisioned Frank Quarles, 149.

Prelim fours: Curley Daniels, 153, drew with Toby Alvarado, 151; Dave Moreno, 150, dec. Henry Christian, 156; Jim Pina, 132, dec. Ray Gonzales, 130.

Invaders from Mexico have been popular with Bay Area fans this year, and Julian Velasquez, fast stepping lightweight, carried on the current vogue by putting on a bristling bout at Richmond's Auditorium with local favorite NuNu Randle. Though Randle received the decision at the end of the scheduled eight rounds, the home town fans thought their favorite was given an early Christmas present, for they booed vociferously for many minutes. Weights: Randle, 132; Velasquez, 131.

The point score was 45 to 42. Tony Bos-

nich, San Francisco's leading heavyweight aspirant a few years ago, was the referee.

Promoter Johnny Munro's boxoffice staff counted 2,309 fans who paid a gross of $2,751.

In an action-filled six round semi-windup, Stan Sequiera, 127, Oakland, won a decision over Cleo Lane, 129, also of Oakland.

In another six, Joe Gallegos, 146, San Francisco, won the nod over Bobby Gayton, 145, San Francisco.

Results of fours: Sammy LaCrosse, 137, drew with Chico Arroya, 137; John Milton, 147, TKO'd Roscoe Johnson, 152; Manny Granados, 131, dec. Bob Neil, 136.

Reuben Smith, 2-1 underdog, pulled something of a mild upset at the Olympic Auditorium by defeating Jose Luis Cotero in the non-TV ten. Smith, 129; Cotero, 128. It was Cotero's first upset in his last nine starts.

In the companion ten, televised, the veteran outscore youthful Walter Tyler, 144, who was fighting his 8th pro scrap. Despite Chavez' vastly greater experience, the 21-year-old youngster almost held him even. The decision was split.

Referee Jimmy Wilson saw it even, 55½-55½; he was overruled by Judges Reg Gillmore, 58-52, and Mushy Callahan, 56-54.

The Smith-Cotero fight was also a split. Judge Jimmy Wilson saw Cotero the winner, 56-54, but was over-ruled by Mushy Callahan, 55½-54½, and Judge Reg Gillmore, 57-53.

Benny Coca, 125, and Alex Fimbres, 127½, were going great guns until Fimbres suffered a head-cut from an accidental butt in the second round. It was called a technical draw.

The fours: Willard Henry, 162, decisioned Fred Taylor, 160; and Charlie Clark, 140½, decisioned Willie Escobar, 143.

Middleweight champ Bobo Olson, weighing a hefty 168½, had no trouble trouncing state middleweight champ Willie Vaughn, 167½, before a near-capacity crowd of more than 6,000 at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Betting was 10-1 that Olson would win, 3-1 that he'd win by a knockout. The odds on a decision were completely justified, but those who wagered on a kayo were sadly disappointed.

Net pay-off was $26,480., of which Olson received 40%, or $10,592, and Vaughn 20%, or $5,296. It was Willie's biggest purse.

The judges were unanimous; Referee Mushy Callahan scored it 60-50; Judge Dynamite Jackson, 59½-50½, and Judge Jimmy Wilson, 59-51.

Surprisingly, Vaughn got off in front, taking the first round. Some of the scribes also credited him with the fourth, when he set Olson back on his heels momentarily. But his left eye started to swell at the end of this round.

From the sixth round on, it was all Olson, and Vaughn's eye was a bloody mess by the end of the eighth, but he finished the fight.

It was a moral victory for Willie, since twice last year he had been stopped by men of much lesser repute than the world champion: Sal Perez in 4, and Chebo Hernandez in 2.

Larry Vasquez, 129, Oakland, scored a 6-round TKO over Candy Lopez, 124, Los Angeles, dropping Candy in the 6th.

The fours: Al Garza, 140, finished fast to whip Manny Otero, 142, and Gil Filippo, 171, scored a one-round TKO oer Joe Mack, 174.

Keeny Teran, 114, scored a 7-round TKO over Hugh Riley, Scotland, 117, in the scheduled 10-round feature at Civic Auditorium, San Jose—much to nobody's surprise. Teran had stopped Riley in the 4th in an earlier meeting, a couple of years ago, when he was the fair-haired boy on the Coast.

Referee Hal Toussaint had Teran in front by only two points, 34-32, at the end of the sixth. Babe Griffin promoted.

In the 8-round semi, Freddy Bravo, 127, outpointed Dave Gonzalez, 128, in decisive fashion.

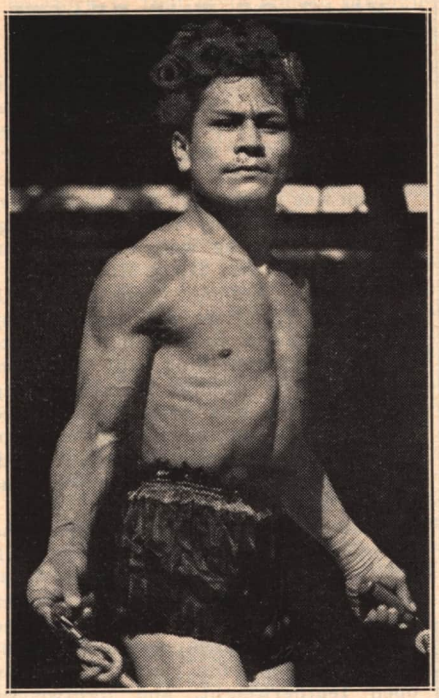
The four-rounders: Al Moore, 143, drew with Dave Johnson, 147; Cleveland Bradley, 160, duked Benny Rodriguez, 158; and Augie Angeles, 115, decisioned Guy Ruiz, 117.

Fresno, Calif., back in the pugilistic picture after a year and a half, provided the biggest West Coast surprise of 1955 when dreams of being heavyweight champion of the world faded for Irish Jimmy Byrne. The widely heralded Portland, Ore., prospect was kayoed in three rounds by Dale Hall of Los Angeles.

The big fellows clashed in the headline attraction at Ryan's Arena in the Raisin Capital. Byrne, winner of 11 kayo victories in 12 bouts against capable opponents, seemed inept when he matched his armament against the Southern California veteran.

Hall, scaling 208, had the 219-pound youngster in trouble from the start in the scheduled 10 rounder. Hall's left jab opened up half a dozen deep cuts on Byrne's features in the first two rounds.

The Los Angeles craftsman's thundering left hooks and follow-up rights paid off in the third—after three knockdowns Referee Frank Manfredo decided that Byrne had enough and halted proceedings.



Veteran Luis Castillo, of Mexico City, knew too much boxing for Willie Lucero and won a ten round decision at the Ocean Park Arena.

Art Smith, 137, Fresno, scored a fourth round TKO over Billy O'Neill, 136, Modesto, in the scheduled six-round semi-windup.

The fours: Gerry Zapata, 158, stopped Tommy LaBrae, 161, in 3; Don Jose, 160, dec. Cleveland Bradley, 159; Bob Gayton, 150, TKO'd Jimmy Stevens, 153, in 3.

While international attention centered on Raul Macias' victory over Chamrern Songkitrat at San Francisco's Cow Palace, a group of busy local youngsters provided the supplementary fistic entertainment. The big event was reported by Nat Fleischer.

Gil Cadilli, 127, a stablemate of Bobo Olson, won a ten round decision over veteran Luis Castillo, 128. Cadilli was hitting sharply, and kept in front most of the way.

Jamie Caraballo, 121, ran his winning streak up to 14 by scoring a third round TKO over Tony Provincio, 116.

None of the scheduled six-round prelims went the distance. Casey Jones, 125, stopped Tommy English, 127, in 4; Stanley Davis, 124, halted Petey Silva, 121 in 1; Pepi Martinez, 120, belted out Stanford Christy, 123, in 5.

When ring styles jibe too closely, even Richmond, Calif., noted for its fast action bouts, comes up with a program displeasing to the fans. Such was the case when John Houston, 155, of Oakland, and Sonny Gill, 158, of Los Angeles, met in the main event at the Oil City's Auditorium. The official verdict was a draw.

Houston took two of the last three rounds by landing effectively with right crosses to the jaw. In the early rounds Houston had built up a slight lead with solid body punches.

There was much more action in the scheduled six-round semi-windup, which ended in the second. Jim Cody, 167, Oakland, scored a TKO over Sam Johnson, 170, of Pittsburg, Calif. Johnson was down for an eight count and was in sorry shape when the contest was halted.

Four round prelims: Don Jose, 163, TKO'd Ed Charles, 160, in 2; Jerry Goldberg, 143, stopped Roy Jones, 145, in 2; Stan Bryant, 167, dec. John Carroll, 170.

Coliseum Bowl, for years the most popular small arena in San Francisco, was placed back in the boxing picture after a long respite by Promoter Charlie Hunter. His offering was a ten-rounder between Dave Whitlock, 180, of San Francisco, and Howard King, 187, of Reno. Damages inflicted by this hard-hitting pair were rated about even, and the contest was declared a draw.

The main bout was action-filled throughout, with Whitlock appearing to have a definite lead after eight rounds. Dave appeared to tire at this stage, and he hardly landed a damaging punch in the ninth and tenth. Meanwhile King stepped up the pace, and Referee Frankie Brown thought he finished fast enough to be rated 55-55 on the point total.

Jacki Torme, 180, took a six-round decision over Floyd Joyner in the semi-final.

The fours: Al Loretz, 160, dec. Marlin Monroe, 158; Mickey Jordon, 143, outpointed Vinnie Hines, 140; George Sullivan, 136, dec. Vic Ferrer, 137.

Former world featherweight champ Willie Pep, 128, was the victim of a bitterly criticized verdict at Parks Air Base, Northern California, when the glove of Gil Cadilli, 127, was raised in token of victory. It was a nationally televised show, viewed by millions across the land, and by a "live" audience of 3800 at the air base, all soldiers.

Referee Jack Downey scored it 58-52, for Pep. He was overruled by the two judges, Tony Bosnich and Eddie James, who turned in identical cards: 56-54 for Cadilli.

Every newspaper office in San Francisco was flooded with phone calls from irate and incensed viewers.

"They all agreed with Pep—he had been robbed", said the San Francisco Examiner.

"Every veteran fight writer at the ringside had Pep the winner", said the Chronicle. "Pep appeared to have outpunched Cadilli at least eight to one."

And the News remarked: "The protesting fans expressed every color of the anger of emotion, ranging from mere irritation to high-powered wrath."

Pep suffered a severe eye gash in the 4th, but expert work by his handlers kept the veteran in contention.

"I've had 207 fights, and if ever I won one, this was it", declared Pep, just before he embarked on the plane for home.

The day after the fight, Commissioner Phillips revoked the license of Judge Edddie James and announced that the referee license of Tony Bosnich would be revoked if he failed, after a thirty day probation period, to convince the Commission that he is capable of judging a fight properly. Bosnich has worked only two bouts as a state official, once as a referee and once as a judge.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

SCRANTON LODGE OF ELKS, staged its annual charity fund show with more than 3,000 in attendance at the Catholic Youth Center, when 20 simon pure scrappers thrilled the crowd. Three of the 10 bouts ended in knockouts. The pairings were made by Sam (Thotto) Mancuso, AAU regional commissioner, and Manny Gelb, general chairman.

Inspired perhaps by the presence of Rocky Marciano, the world heavyweight king, who served as the referee in one bout, the kids went all out and it was a fine show.

Promoter Lou (KO) Boch, Wilkes-Barre, didn't do so hot at the box office in his initial start of the pro season. Only 875 payees turned out for the six-bout program.

In the eight-round feature, Bob Provizzi, Freeland, had easy going against Tommy Dixon. The Freeland middleweight, having a five-pound weight advantage, was in command all the way. He gave Dixon some rough moments with a two-fisted attack to the head and body. In winning, Provizzi qualified for a crack at Tony Baldoni, another home town boy who has been going great guns since he returned home from the service.

In a six-rounder, Buddy Rushinski, Ashley, 156, copped the last two rounds to turn the tables on Cleveland Zanda, 155, from Long Island, a substitute at the last minute. Buddy scored an eight-count knockdown with a right to the chin.

Chuck Bloss, Newtown, returning to the ring after doing a hitch in the Army, showed the effects of being away from competition. He was out of condition and lost a six-rounder to Bernie Lynn, Philladelphia on a decision. Lynn kept up a rapid pace and gained the nod from the referee and one judge who had him ahead in four rounds. Bloss who came in at 148, had two pounds on Lynn.

Bob Barnes, 155, finished Joe Eidam, 149, Philadelphia, on a TKO in 1:52 of the third. The referee stopped the bout, after Eidam hit the canvas twice.

Ike Johnson, 138, Pottsville, a fine boxer and two handed hitter, scored a TKO over Bill Jones, Allentown, 139 in the fourth round. This kid Johnson has the makings of a fine fighter, and we predict that he will make a name for himself before the year is out. He hits with either hand.

In the opener Joe Dobbie, 137, Pottsville, defeated Phil Gilroy, 132, Wilkes-Barre. It was a good fight with the edge going to Dobbie. The gross gate was $1,525.

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KING OF THE BEASTS

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Most of his fights were fought in his home town of Akron, where he was born on January 17, 1930 and has lived all of his life. His only New York showing before his TV debut win over Wilson was in the semi-final to the Joey Maxim-Bob Murphy title bout in August 1951 when he won an easy eight round verdict over Holly Mims.

Mims, an "Animal" in his own right, was fresh from two wins over Johnny Bratton, and a close losing battle to then welterweight king, Ray Robinson. Still Ronnie's triumph gained nothing for him. He was even more feared than before as an opponent for any top-notcher. Back he went to the old grind, while Mims moved into the big time and six TV money shots.

Ronnie was an all-around athlete, he played three years of bantam football, and was a halfback on the Akron West High team. His amateur career started at 16 when he captured the Akron Golden Glove novice flyweight title. The following years he won the open featherweight, and lightweight crowns. In 49 bouts, he lost only 5, scoring over 30 kayos.

A potent puncher with either a right hook or a left uppercut, he has kayoed 22 of his rivals. He is diligent trainer, who's job as a sanitary engineer with the Summit County Engineering Dept keeps him outdoors most of the time and helps to keep him in top condition.

Quiet, soft spoken, friendly he is happily married for five years, and the father of two boys, Dan 3, and Michael 1½. A three year student at the Akron Bible Institute, he wants to go into youth guidance work after his ring career is over. As yet he has not made up his mind if he will pursue his Theology studies to the ministry, but he says that he lives by the Bible.

He spends his spare time listening to classical music and wood carving, and having long bull sessions with his boyhood pal Guido Cianchetti. Now that at last he has reached the limelight, he hopes he gets the chance to prove that "Beasts" can be nice people too.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ALFONSO FLORES, the fighting young plumber, went to the top during the month and gained the honor of a fifth place among the welterweights listed on the Mexico City Boxing Commission ratings. Young Al Flores offered gallant opposition to famous Juan "Bombín" Padilla. Officials gave the decision to Bombín but the fans booed it, thinking that Flores deserved a draw at least. Later, Alfonso merrily spanked Gabriel Díaz during ten rounds to confirm that he undoubtedly is the Golden Boy of the La Laguna fistic game.

FIGHTING as an 8-rounder in Mexico City, Baudilio Martínez, La Laguna featherweight, scored two impressionable triumphs by the kayo route. First he stopped Freddie Guzmán in three and later iced Tony Villa in two.

GREAT-GRANDPA of Mexican boxing continued with his astonishing comeback campaign. I'm referring to Kid Azteca, the old baby who stood up from his rocking chair to beat out the dust to all the young Mexican welters and middleweights. Now the 40-year old "Boy" embalmed Jorge Castro in four at Acapulco.

Arena "Obrero", Torreón :—Felipe Sosa, 126, TKO'd Memo Martínez, 128, in the second round. Jorge Valverde, 117, won a decision over Serapio "Sapito" Jiménez, 117, in 10. Raúl Leaños, 120, beat Chino Flores, 121, in 8 rounds.

Arena "Obrero", Torreón :—Otilio "Zurdo" Galván, 119, bested Oscar Torres, 119, in ten. Pedro Piña, 135, TKO'd Tabaco Kid, 138, in the third round. Salvador "Chicharitos" Ruiz, 119, decisioned Lucio Polina Hidalgo, 122, in 8.

Arena "Olímpica-Laguna", Gómez Palacio :—Juan "Bombín" Padilla, 145, defeated Alfonso Flores, 147, in ten. Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 132, kayoed Marcelo Vargas, 131, in seven. Kid Manolo Luna, 126, outpointed Andrés González, 128, in ten rounds.

Arena "Obreros-Progreso", Satillo :—Rogelio Saucedo, 119, iced Raúl Solís, 118, in seven. Benny Landeros, 117, and Jesús Mejía, 120, drew in ten rounds. Tabaco Kid, 134, drew with Pancho Torres, 133, in 8 rounds.

Club Olímpico, Durango :—Angel Aldama, 124, convincingly outpointed Juan Leaños, 129, after ten well-fought rounds. Ernesto Molina, 147, TKO'd Chale Carrillo, 150, in the 6th round. Agustín "Diablito" Campos, 116, stopped Mario "Tizón" Ibarra, 115, in the sixth.

Arena "Obrero", Torreón :—Felipe Sosa, 126, easily decisioned Oscar Torres, 125, in ten. Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 134, won by disqualification over Manuel Muñoz, 133, in the 9th round. Salvador "Gato" González, 146, defeated Luis Herminio Vázquez, 143, in eight.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón :—Alfonso Flores, 143, won a ten round unanimous decision over Gabriel Díaz, 147. Joaquín Carrillo, 127, and Tránsito Ramírez, 126, drew in ten rounds. This fight was refereed by Raúl "Ratón" Macías, NBA bantamweight champion.

Arena "Olímpica-Laguna", Gómez Palacio : — Héctor García, 132, bested Juan Leaños, 131, in ten. Jorge Valverde, 116, knocked out Agustín "Diablito" Campos, 115, in the second. Pedro Piña, 133, won by disqualification over Fidel Lucero, 134, in the fourth round.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

SANTA CLARA.—Before a packed house that paid $3,597.16, The RING's No. 4 feather, Cuban king Ciro Morasén, 126½, easily outpointed in a ten-round non-title bout, tough Joe Lorenzo, 130. Morasén, after feeling out Lorenzo for a couple of rounds, started his methodical punishment with his left hand and occasionally crossed his right. Sergio Cárdenas, 126, won in 8 from Félix Triana, 127½. Rollie García, 127, stopped Pablo Sánchez, 123½, in two. Vic Menéndez, 123, won in six from Cecilio Ariosa, 126, and Ray Tabío, 114, won in four from Lázaro Ruíz, same weight.

HAVANA.—Cuban bantam king, Orlando Reyes, 117¾, looked fine in retaining his title, when he stopped dangerous Humberto Díaz Llerandi, 118, in the 4th. Rolando La Planche Rodríguez, 147, stopped Spaniard Matías Fenoy, 148¾, also in four. Alfredo Triana, 124½, won in six from Luis Mesa, 126½; Wilfredo Mila, 117½, won in 4 from Humberto Castell, 118; and Lorenzo Morera, 118, kayoed Rolando Urrutia, 109¾, in the third.

HAVANA.—Rufino Sardiñas (Kid Chocolate's nephew), 140½, lost a close tenner to Jimmy Ford, 143¾, of the U. S. Luis Villa, 161, gave away ten pounds to "Killer" Tom Tatum, and beat him in eight rounds.

Gus Acosta, 148¼, won in 8 from Wilfredo Flores, 149¾. Aguedo Pérez, 112, stopped veteran Leo Silegas, 112, in the second, and Felipe Sodi, 121½, stopped Arnaldo Quiñones, 119½, in 2.

HAVANA.—Cuban flyweight champion Oscar Suarez, 116¾, well rated in Ring Magazine, showed that he soon will be up in a higher position to taking the Canadian champion, Fernando Gagnon into camp, stopping him in the ninth after scoring two knockdowns in that session. Local promoter Martínez-Conill, is eager to get Pascual Perez, world flyweight king, to fight Suarez at the opening of the new sports palace next fall. Gagnon's stable mate, Maurice Manny, 131½, was stopped by Lázaro Alfonso, 131¼, in the third.

Gus Acosta, 146½, won in eight from Sergio Rfoz, 144. Carlos Chivas, 139, won in six from Tony Cáspita, 143.

Lino Rendón, 150, gave away ten pounds to Santiago Danger, and stopped him in the very first round with the very first blow.

HAVANA.—Martín Rodríguez, 127, avenged a previous defeat when he easily beat Mexican Tomás Castillo, 129½, in ten.

Enrique Lamelas, 127, won in eight from Sergio Peñalver, 127¾.

Sergio de Cárdenas, 125¾, drew in eight with Alfonso Triana, 124. Manuel Mosqueda, 114, won in six from Erundino López, 116, and José R. Florez, 142, stopped Alberto Mena, 140½, in the first.

BOSTON BULL DOG

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a "cheese champion". He fought by far the best battle of his career, but that best was still not good enough to overcome the fighting spirit of the squat, swarthy, game and courageous hot-fisted Italian from Boston's North End.

Though one judge had Saxton in the lead at the time the finishing touches were put on, every newspaper reporter and those who sat in on the April Fool surprise party, saw it as did Referee Mel Manning and Judge Tom McNeeley, with De Marco in the lead by a small margin. McNeeley had the bout tabbed at the end of the thirteenth, 125 to 123 points and Manning, 127 to 122 while Judge Shaughnessy scored it 128 to 121 for Saxton. In rounds McNeeley gave De Marco 7 to 4 with 2 even and Maining, 7-3-3. The other judge had Saxton in front by 9-2-2—far off color.

My card showed De Marco in the lead by 7 rounds to five with one even and in points, 125 to 121.

Body Attack Weakens Champ!

DE MARCO fought a smart, infighting battle, in which he played for the body at every opportunity. It was body punch punching that enabled him to weaken the champion for the final effort.

Although at times he was wild and missed, when he could get at Saxton, he went all out on an attack to the mid-section that took the juice out of the champ. Instead of Saxton, a notoriously dull and clutching, running fighter repeating what he did in Philadelphia when he won the crown, he fought back, clinched only now and then and pumped rights to the Bostonian's heart with regularity when close range battling was in order.

But none of his punches stopped Tony's advances. It seemed the more De Marco was hit, the more desperate were his advances and his left hook counters had Saxton thinking.

At times the pace slowed down but never was the bout a slow one. Aside from the cut over the eye which the winner suffered in the second round, neither showed the effects of the tough battle in which the digging, mostly to the mid-section by each, was hard and rough. Tony emerged with an injured hand and slight eye cuts and his opponent, with a broken heart. It took considerable time in the dressing room to get Saxton to do any talking and then all he had to say was that he thought he was slightly ahead when he was suddenly stunned by the left hook wallops that numbed him.

THE ringside scribes who had come from various parts of New England and New York to report the mill, were as much stunned by the triumph of De Marco as were the loyal few from Boston who came to root De Marco home and cheer for him they did with lusty lungs. He fought the style that was planned to weaken the champ and he stuck to that style almost throughout. Only in a few rounds when the pace told on him, did Tony ease up only to come back with a strong, sturdy attack in the following session.

For a time it appeared that the turning point of the fight had been reached with that punch, but game little Tony fooled all hands. In every round but two thereafter, Tony stood his ground and slugged it out with his opponent. He never backed away, such confidence did he have in his ability to stand the gaff and eventually take his opponent's crown from him. A heart that refused to allow him to weaken and a pair of thudding fists which landed repeatedly, were the weapons that turned the trick for De Marco.

The pride of the North End of Boston had achieved his goal. He won a world-championship. He now shares that honor with Rocky Marciano. He is the first born Bostonian to gain an international crown since Honey Mellody claimed the welter title.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

AL FRANCIS, St. Paul boxer, passed away here recently. Al was on the old timers. He was 66 years old. He boxed some very good boys in his day.

St. Paul Auditorium.—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, fighting as if a world title was at stake, got off the floor in the first round and came on to score a T.K.O. over Johnny Bratton former welter champ from Chicago in the ninth round. A howling crowd of 6,871 paid a gross gate of $19,396.51 to see Del win.

Jimmy Perrault, Duluth, Minn., 147, outpointed Abe Cruz, Chicago, 150, in six rounds.

Danny Davis, Minneapolis, 133, outpointed Russ Tague, Davenport, Iowa, 133, in six.

Napoleon Ludy, Detroit, 133, won by a t.k.o. over Dick Murphy, St. Paul, in six.

Frankie Turner, St. Paul, 130, won by a t.k.o. over Don Dakota, Duluth, 131, in three.

PHOENIX FIGHT NEWS
By Bill Thompson

MADISON Square Garden—Frankie Daniels, 178, Los Angeles, outpunched stubborn Henry Taylor, 172, Detroit, to win the first of two ten-rounders. In the other, Hans Friedrich, 198, Dortmund, Germany, outpointed Gene Thompson, 185, Los Angeles.

In the preliminaries, Frankie Salas, 126, Tucson, decisioned Johnny Pacheco, 127, Albuquerque, and Whitey Henley, 154, outpointed Jimmy Tucker, 159.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

BILLY SUDDUTH the Midwest's welterweight champion, always a bridesmaid but never a bride in big time boxing, added Lloyd Triplett, Chicago middleweight to his rapid growing list of victims, beating the Windy City sensation in the feature attraction of the American Legion's fight card at Topeka's Municipal Auditorium.

On the supporting card, Bobby Bickle, 138, Topeka, stopped Ray Ulis, 139, Toledo, Ohio in the eighth round. Chief Alvin Williams, Caddo Indian beat Frank McGary, Chicago light heavyweight in eight.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. Steele

SYDNEY MINES, N. S.—A pair of Northside rivals clashed in a lively eight-round main event with Bobby Laffin, 127, and Bobby Moore, 132, fighting a draw. Moore was decked for a seven count in the fifth.

Tyrone Gardiner, 118, Sydney, stopped Leckie Mansfield, 118, of Florence in round one.

Alex Hickey and Kid Sampson, both 160 pounds, drew in the three round curtain raiser.

Joe MacNeil stopped Dave Cunliffe in round two of a flyweight fight.

Billy Mitchell drew with Norman MacNeil in three rounds.

Whit Williams and Termaine Sampson fought a draw in three rounds. Flyweights.

Sydney, N. S.—Gordie MacDougall of South Bar, Sydney, was awarded a fourth round win over Vince Cook of Amherst, N. S. middleweights. Cook, in the fourth, was dumped twice with a barrage of punches when referee Smith halted the fight.

BOXING IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By "Bow Tie" Bo Grmoljez

AT the Butte Civic Center, in a scrap that was scheduled for ten rounds, featherweight champion of the world, Sandy Saddler stopped game Kenny Davis of Los Angeles in the fifth round. One can't take any credit away from Davis. He carried the fight to Saddler from the opening bell. Fans were on their feet in the third round as Davis drove the champion to the ropes with stinging hooks and right crosses to the head and body. However, the title holder was getting in his licks as he banged away on the inside.

In the fourth round, the tide changed as Davis came out of an exchange of punches cut over both eyes. In the fifth round Saddler floored Davis twice with left hooks to the body and as the Californian was rising the second time, George Parnassus, manager of the fighter, signaled to Joe Simonich, the referee to halt hostilities.

Ralph Cervantes of Rockford, Illinois and Ernie Davis of Seattle boxed to a draw in the eight round semi-windup in a rough fight. These two lightweights have very pleasing styles and warrant consideration in western fight circles.

WESTERN MASS. RING NEWS
By Don Hamill

TOMMY (HURRICANE) JACKSON, 195, New York, breezed to an easy five round knockout over Roy Thomas, 180, New York. As the bout progressed Jackson increased the tempo so that by the fourth round he had Thomas in rough condition. He was unable to knock Thomas off his feet but was belaboring him in the fifth round when Referee Meyer Cohn stepped in and halted the one-sided contest.

Willie Brown, 130, New York, scored a clean cut knockout over Johnny Robbins, 126, Stamford, Conn., in the second round. Eddie Demars, 170, Springfield, garnered himself a tko when Ted O'Neal, 174, New London, Conn., suffered a badly cut eye in the second round. In four rounders: Steve Ward, 137½, Hartford, scored a pair of knockdowns in whipping Gus Robinson, 138, Stamford, and Willie Renfroe, 160, Hartford, battled to a draw with Dubey Josey, 158, Springfield.

Willie Pep, 130, former world's featherweight champion from Hartford, made his first Valley Arena appearance since the early part of his long career by turning back Charley Titone, 127½, New York, in ten rounds. Pep, apparently seeking a workout, eased up after having Titone in trouble several times in the early rounds.

Jimmy Piper, 143½, New York, edged out a retreating Al Maglieri, 140, Hartford, in the six round semi-final. Roy Phillips, 187, Fort Devens, belted out Al Robbins, 192, Westover Field, in two cantos. Steve Ward, 138, Hartford, took a one-sided four spot from Frankie Dagga, 134, Providence, R. I. In the opener of four rounds, Artie Lupo, 136, Hartford, was given a gift decision over Bobby West, 132, Providence.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

WELTERWEIGHT Stan Harrington, 142½, came through convincingly in his first big test by scoring a clean knockout over nationally known Henry Davis, 140½, in 39 seconds of the tenth round of a crowd-pleasing fight at the Civic Auditorium. Showing before a capacity crowd of 4,987 fans, the 21 year old belter from Kalihi displayed a hitherto unrecognized potential as a determined fighter and chalked up his fifteenth consecutive win as a professional.

The fight was promoted by Sam Ichinose of the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., and grossed $11,640.50.

De Cosmo, 137½, beat Josiah Lili, 136¼ in 4 rounds. Bobby Acusta, 138¼, won handily over Leo Tolentino, 141¼ in 4.

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TIME KAYOES ARMY CHAMPIONS

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better than Leo; piled up a nice pro record after his discharge; wound up meeting Tippy Larkin twice in 1948, losing in 10 round decisions. The "Cowboy" engaged in 42 bouts between 1945 and 1949, losing 13 of these. He also retired in 1949, apparently a fatal year for army boxers.

Joe lost but one scrap in the ETO which he later reversed—a fine record. It was Joe, too, who put the damper on one Chuck Davey, the clever blond southpaw champion from Detroit. Much had been heard from the new visitor, Chuck Davey, and his close loss to Lucignano was a scientific, spirited and exciting fight. Yet Davey did much better financially than Joe, as any TV fan knows, by defeating several good men and losing to Kid Gavilan. Davey was quite young when he arrived in England. Check his age now. He was one of the late comers before the end of the war. Most of the others had been in Europe for some time.

Bobby Volk, handsome Portland, Oregon lad, worked himself up to a crack at former world's middleweight champion Fred Apostoli after a brief campaign. A colorful performer, TV fans would have gone overboard for him had he met a few good opponents before the cameras.

After his discharge, Bobby Volk battled as a pro in Oregon, starting off very well. His record shows plenty of kayoes. One of these he registered against Apostoli. However, in a return bout Apostoli stopped Volk. Bobby also lost a 10 rounder to Harry Matthews, the heavyweight, in one of his 33 bouts before hanging up his gloves in 1949. A great prospect! What happened. Was too much expected of him in too short a time?

Arthur Persely was going like a house afire until stopped by savage hitting Wallace "Bud" Smith. Getting into the first ten was a good accomplishment for the Louisiana boy.

Persley, better known to present day fight fans because of his TV wars, is on a comeback and no doubt will be in more important matches before he retires. The record book shows that the stylist fought pro in 1948. There is no record of his battling, if any, before that time. Persley is not a young man today.

Which was the best boxing team of World War II? The choice of boxing men like Joe Molinari, 8th Air Force, promoter, Frank Marcella, Rainbow Corner referee, and the writer, men who saw the scrappers at their beat, wouldn't hesitate to cast their vote for the USSTAF (American Air Forces in Europe) champions, crowned at the Palais de Glace, Paris, France in 1945. These men were: Heavy—Leo Mattricciani; 175—Aaron Kahn; 165—Bobby Volk; 155—Allen Reado, Seattle, Wash.; 145—Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N. J., 135—Herbie Williams, New Orleans; 127—Ray Wyzykiewicz, Buffalo; 120—Primitivo Molina, Concord, Cal.

As in any other profession, a man must keep at his work, and the small number that made good in the pro ranks from the army, means only that 3 or more years of idleness at the height of one's career takes its toll. Marciano did well by starting in the service but he was able to continue in pro ranks with the knowledge that his best years were before him. Indeed, the service is a fine place to take up glovetossing and it is to be recommended highly as a conditioner and morale builder. Peace time boxing, however, does not disrupt the progress of an athlete as does the hustle and bustle of war time. For this reason, at least, comparisons between the two stages seem futile, and the argument can remain for the present that boxing in the service is a wonderful place to start but to develop into a world's champion, careful step by step planning is necessary.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

THE Kenny Lane-Armand Savoie bout at the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium, which was supposed to be a tune-up for a purposed Lane-Jimmy Carter title go, not only fizzled in action but at the gate as well. Carter's manager Willie Ketchum had agreed earlier to defend the lightweight title against Lane in Grand Rapids for a $25,000 guarantee sometime in May.

There was no question about Lane winning over a surprisingly inept Savoie, but the bout lacked action or color.

Co-promoter William Morrissey announced that a crowd of 1,635 fans who had paid a gross of $3,474.70, left him $2,000 in the red! Savoie had been guaranteed $1,000 while Lane walked off with 25% in the form of $780. Both fighters weighed 139 pounds.

Allan Kennedy, 151½, Bay City, made it 20 wins in 25 starts by decisioning a game but comparatively green Tony Hendricks, 149, London, Ontario, in six; Henry Bronko, 161½, Detroit, stopped Ivor Davenport, 167, Windsor, in five; John L. Parry, 140½, Detroit, halted Leo Dejardins, 147, Windsor, in three; and Dick Mays, 175, Anderson, Indiana, flattened Andy Bond, 179, Detroit, in the first round.

Johnny Summerlin, 195, Detroit, scored his third straight knockout of this year when he flattened his fellow-townsman Willie Coleman, 184½, in 1:53 of the fourth round of a free swinging brawl. Summerlin delighted a sell-out crowd of 1,074 spectators who paid a gross of $1,197.80 at the Motor City Arena (no television) when he decked Coleman for eight counts in the second and fourth rounds. John caught his opponent with a beautiful short right cross for the last knockdown and Coleman arose, but capable referee Morrie Sherman wisely halted the affair.

Veteran campaigner Al Adams, 194, Detroit, started out swarming all over Andy Bond, 181, Detroit, who was making his pro debut, for the first couple of rounds. But the tide quickly changed in the third when rookie Bond gave Adams a terrific slacking, dropping him three times before being awarded a third round TKO victory.

A couple of imports from Chicago, Willie Veal, 160, and Manuel Torres, 147¾, left much to be desired in their bouts when they failed to finish the first rounds against Gene Linscott, 158, Pontiac, and Ray Mizzi, 147, Detroit, respectively. A four round light-heavyweight bout found Eddie Lee Walker besting Johnny Williams.

A Saturday night talent show at the Saginaw Auditorium, comprised of five six rounders drew a slim crowd of 668 fans who paid a net gate of $1,428.17. A local middleweight, Leffie Walker stole the show with an upset decision over highly-touted but puzzling Henry Hank (Joe Smith), of Detroit. Allan Kennedy, Bay City welter, edged out Dick Brewer, of Chicago. Detroit featherweight Dick Ramizetti stopped Jimmy Hurley in three. Tom Hickey, Chicago middleweight, outpointed Young Chico, of Detroit, and Dick Cutter, of Bay City, defeated Jasper Hall, Detroit middleweight.

Boxing returned to Lansing's Prudden Auditorium, when promoter Jack Stein with the Motor City BC tried to revive the sport with a double six round headliner. The response was disappointing. A meager crowd of only 598 spectators turned out to chip in a net of $990.59.

Dick Ramizetti, 129, Detroit, made it twelve straight as he decisioned veteran Herky Kaminsky, 131, Pittsburgh, in six; Allan Kennedy, 152, Bay City, beat Irish Francis McKinney, 152, Pittsburgh, in six; Buddy Harris, 140, Pontiac, defeated Larry Watkins, 148, Flint, in four; Andy Bond, 181, Detroit, TKO'd Marvin Henrys, 210, Lansing, in two; Ray Mizzi, 157, Detroit, bested J. B. McClendon, 160, Grand Rapids, in four; and Gene Linscott, 156, Pontiac, outscored Eddie Troy, 157, Detroit, in four.

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SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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helter-skelter Utahan. Gil nearly finished Fullmer in the sixth when he slugged him from one end of the ring to another and battered him through the lower ropes. Fullmer scrambled back and took a nine-count. He seemed so spent when the round ended that Dr. Sam Swetnick checked him in his corner before allowing him to continue. In the closing rounds Turner was almost as weary as Fullmer, but he had enough left in reserve to stave off the Utahan's occasional rallies and outlast him. The semi-final, listed for six, ended at 2:00 of the second, Henry (Toothpick) Brown, 135, Philadelphia, flattening Johnny Kamber, 134, Livingston, N. J., so emphatically with a right to the jaw that it was several minutes before Kamber was revived. Hardy Smallwood, 160¼, Brooklyn, decisioned Don Bryant, 160¼, Harlem, in another six. In fours, Tony Danto, 165½, Brooklyn, beat Mickey McGrath, 167½, Greenwich, Conn.; Johnny Moscatello, 148½, Corona, won from Warren Hegge, 152½, Brooklyn, and Bobby Nelson, 146, Bronx, kayoed Norman Wright, 144½, Brooklyn, at 0:42 of the second. Another fine turnout, estimated at 3,000, sat in on the locally blacked-out TV card.

It is seldom that two heavyweights are able to maintain the furious pace set by Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, 199, Far Rockaway, and Archie McBride, 187¼, Trenton, N. J., in a savagely-fought ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Until McBride slowed down in the closing rounds from his own violent efforts, the big 'uns traveled at a blistering gait, with hardly a clinch anywhere along the way. Crowding Jackson from the start, McBride staggered his taller, heavier opponent several times with vicious left hooks and lusty rights, but Tommy, shaking off the effects, invariably came back with his weird, slap-dash combinations to outlast the Trentonian in most of the exchanges. Although the decision in Jackson's favor was unanimous with the officials, many of the ringsiders thought McBride's cleaner and harder punching entitled the Trentonian at least to a draw. Embrel Davidson, 209¼, Detroit, was an easy winner over Alex Brown, 201, Paoli, Pa., in the semi-final. Returning to the ring after an 18-months' absence, Eddie Oliver, 148, Windsor Locks, Conn., used his long reach to edge out aggressive Henry W. Smith, 141½, Harlem, in another six. In fours, Jackie Orlando, 147, Trenton, N. J., won from Al Dixon, 142½, Long Island City, and Mike Campbell, 157½, Brooklyn, whipped Ernie DeLauri, 162, Philadelphia.

With advantages of six years in youth and seven pounds in weight, Danny Giovanelli, 150, Brooklyn, outlasted Chris Christensen, 143, Denmark, in a rip-roaring ten at Eastern Parkway Arena. The bout was fought at such a furious pace that both rivals were near exhaustion at the end of the sixth. The younger, heavier Giovanelli had slightly more in reserve and pulled himself together for a closing rally that nearly stopped Christensen in the final round. After the fight, however, Giovanelli collapsed in his dressing room and had to be treated by the club medico, Dr. Sam Swetnick. During the brawl, Christensen was floored twice, but Referee Ray Miller refused to credit Giovanelli with a knockdown either time. When the Dane dropped from a left hook in the sixth, Miller tabbed it a slip, and when Chris was punched through the ropes and onto the ring apron in the eighth, Ray called it a push. Miller evened the score for Giovanelli, however, by not penalizing him for three low punches delivered during the fight. Ray Grillo, 169½, Brooklyn, whipped Jim McMillan, 174½, Newark, in the semi-final six. Tony Puelo, 134¼, won from a fellow-Brooklynite, Llewellyn Richardson, 137, in another six. In fours, Vic Compos, 135½, East Side, decisioned Bobby Bonnett, 133½, Greenwich Village; Angelo DeFendis, 165, Brooklyn, was credited with a kayo over Tommy Jones, 160, Huntington, W. Va., when their bout was halted at the end of the first, and Vic Anthony, 179½, Harlem, flattened Paul Pappas, 174½, Elmhurst, with 24 seconds to go.

In practically a replica of their previous sockfest in the same ring six weeks before, Pat Lowry, 149½, Toledo, again came on with a strong finish to edge out Pete Adams, 152½, Newark, in an awkward free-swinging ten at St. Nicholas Arena. With his scrambling aggressiveness, Adams was slightly in front at the end of the eighth, but the more durable Lowry, needing the last two rounds to win, bulled his way through. Swinging overhand rights, he connected with enough of them to have Adams stumbling wearily when the final bell rang. Lowry suffered a cut over the left eye in the first round, and it worsened as the fight progressed. It was bleeding steadily during the closing rounds, but didn't seem to bother the Ohioan unduly. Tommy Bain, 127, Indianapolis, Ind., stopped Joey Gambino, 130½, Levittown, with only 18 seconds remaining of the semi-final six. Gambino had been down twice and was bleeding from a gash over the right eye when Referee Petey Scalzo called a halt. Eddie Oliver, 147¾, Windsor Locks, Conn., was too heavy and shifty for Johnny Lissy, 139½, Yorkville, in another six. In fours, Warren Hegge, 152½, Brooklyn, drew with Lou Santos, 148¼, West Side, and Freddie Messina, 138, Paterson, kayoed a New Jersey rival, Johnny Long, 138¾, Elizabeth, at 1:03 of the second.

ADDENDA. . . . Unless there's a sudden, last-minute development, it looks as though Eastern Parkway Arena is ending its career as a fight center. The Brooklyn club's current TV contract with ABC expires in mid-May, and the outlook for another video deal isn't encouraging at this writing. Complete report on the whys and wherefores of the Parkway's demise as a video studio is given by Johnny Salak in his "TV and Boxing" column elsewhere in these pages.

There is some talk of the Parkway trying to continue operations without TV revenue, but the capacity of the arena (3,500) is too limited for big-time shows, and small-time stuff doesn't figure to do enough box-office business to make the gamble worth while.

The Parkway may be fading out of the local fight scene, but hope springs eternal in the breasts of other local clans. The Monahan brothers are set to give boxing another trial at Fort Hamilton Arena in Brooklyn, while the quartet which experimented with a few shows at Eintracht Oval in Astoria last year are expanding their activities this summer. Not only are they planning to go again at Eintracht, but they're talking of opening another arena further out on Long Island, in Freeport.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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St. Nazaire, France—Charles Colin continued his diet of German importations and soon digested youthful Güunther Huber, who was counted out in the sixth of a one-sided slam. Yvon David whipped Emile Desdoit in a cruiser six.

At Coutances, Cappato trimmed Arthur Emboule in a feathers ten. Jacques Strocchio outfought Bernardo Pacini in a cruiser ten at Nice.

Bienne, Switzerland—Roger Busata knocked out the German bantam, Lothar Sophir, in the opening round.

St. Etienne, France—Mario Ciccarelli got a rude shock when Jacques Prigent served him up a dose of his own hard hitting and copped the decision after a very hard welter ten.

At Dijon, André Oueillé halted the Spanish trailhorse, Kid Gaemiro, in the third of a middles dispute.

Dortmund, Germany—Two old foes, Hein ten Hoff and Heinz Neuhaus, met for the final reckoning at the huge Westfalen Hall, where 17,000 jammed the stadium to watch this third meeting. Neither man spared himself and it was a gory and rugged affair.

Lanky Hein went down for a count in the second. Neuhaus again had the veteran in trouble during the eighth but Ten Hoff weathered the storm and lasted the distance. After ten rounds, ref. Max Schmeling had no hesitation in lifting Neuhaus arm.

Günther Nürnberg comfortably defeated the beefy Italian, Giovanni Alfonsetti, in a heavyweight eight and William Besmanoff drew with Polly Smith, Bermuda cruiser, also over eight.

Hans Stretz knocked out the Italian middles king, Bruno Tripodi, in five and Siegfried Burrow decisioned Walter Lembgen in a welter six. Simon Ayankin, the Senegalese cruisher now resident in Germany, iced Bernard Bonikowski in two and Manfred Schneider stiffened Karl Gröbner in the second heat of a heavies maul.

Liege, Belgium—Hamouda Bouraoui confirmed that previous verdict over veteran Kid Dussart by again getting the better of the erratic Keed in a lively middles ten. Jean Labalette France, drew with Josse Janssens in a lightie ten and Jean Renard, national bantam boss, whipped Pierre Gress over ten. Max Marsille iced Didier in four, heavies, Parmentier chilled Hoeffler in the third, welters, and Abel Soudan creased Debruex in two, welters.

Paris—At the Central, Maurice Mols recommenced his unsteady climb by thumping out a well-merited decision over the expert Guadaloupe negro, Ernest Chalono, in a good heavyweight ten.

Milan, Italy—Duilio Loi outclassed the smart French lightweight, Guy Gracia, over ten rounds at the National Theater here. On the same card, Giancarlo Garbelli, one of Europe's busiest lighties, triumphed over Morlay Kamara, of France, in another good ten-rounder. Aristide Pozzali trimmed Attia ben Aissa in a flyweight eight.

Paris—At the Salle Wagram, Jacques Herbillon made an impressive return to the metropolis by shattering the tough blond, René Lacaze, in the second round of a gory welter slam. Andre Gasparini made it twelve wins out of twelve by stopping Herbillion's stablemate, Maurice Hautois, in the seventh of a bantam battle.

Istanbul, Turkey—Again in evidence was Garbis Zakaryan, national welter king, who outfought the dour German veteran, Karl Oechsle, in a hotly-disputed ten. Zacharyan is now due to fight in Egypt and Lebanonk.

RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND

By Brian F. O'Brien

THE 19-year-old New Zealand featherweight champion, Johnny Hanks was always in the hunt when he boxed the Victoria (Australia) champion, Johnny Wheeler, at Dunedin, but his aggressive style suited the counter-punching Wheeler down to the ground. There was not a great deal in this willing bout, but what there was was Wheeler's.

Alan Shepherd, English-born, Australian-bred and New Zealand-domiciled, picked a particularly difficult type of opponent when he began his comeback campaign at Taita, for in welter champion Billy Beazley he was tackling the best counter-puncher in the game here. Beazley gave a vastly improved display, and won eight of the ten rounds.

Preliminary to the Beazley-Shepherd affair was supplied by the lanky ex-Australian middleweight, Charlie Beaton, and the local, Jack O'Leary. Beaton won easily.

Never regarded as anything more than a competent provincial amateur, Owen Loveday, Waimate light-heavy, got off to an auspicious professional start by outpointing the chunky Hamilton Maori, Henry Saddler, a member of the Latter Day Saints' College in Hamilton.

Fired by the successes of Pacific Islands boxers, Kitione Lave, George Naufahu and Johnny Halafihi in New Zealand, a regular troupe of dusky invaders has hit Auckland. The newcomers include the Samoan heavyweight, Fossie Schmidt, who became something of a minor sensation in Australia by bowling over a succession of unknowns and third-rate veterans before himself being demolished in a few rounds. Fossie has a brother who has made his mark in the game in New Zealand—Peter Schmidt was national amateur heavyweight champion in 1953, and has since turned pro. Jimmy Ripley, a Samoan lightweight who had some success in Australia with his compatriot, is also on hand, as is Nico Kronfeld, middleweight champion of Western Samoa. Sefo Lepea, Samoan light-heavyweight champion, and the Fijian, Laitia, who revels in the glamorous title of light-heavy champion of the South Seas, complete the party. Kronfeld is scheduled to get under way first.

Tragedy overtook young Dunedin featherweight Billy Leckie just as he had taken the first firm step down the road towards professional boxing fame. Only six days after the former national amateur bantam and featherweight titleholder had opened his cash career with an easy win over Owen Smith, Leckie was involved in a motor-cycle smash.

Hitherto undefeated Tongan light-heavy, Johnny Halafihi, was the victim of a stunning upset when he was kayoed in ten rounds by the young Australian, Bruce Farthing, in a big open-air bout on Stratford racecourse.

Farthing had no easy passage with Halafihi and was almost on the way out in the third round. But he stayed close to the unorthodox Tongan, refused to step back, and gradually wore down his man. Down twice in the tenth, Halafihi was a well beaten warrior as referee Eric Armishaw, one-time welter champion, counted him out.

Top men in the various divisions in this country are:

HEAVY: Chub Keith (champion), Kitione Lave, George Naufahu.

LIGHT-HEAVY: Johnny Halafihi, Chub Keith, Owen Loveday.

MIDDLE: Ross Sadler (champion), Charlie Beaton, Vern Tuck.

WELTER: Billy Beazley (champion), Joe McNally, Alan Shepherd.

LIGHT: Frank Wilson (champion), Johnny Hanks, Colin Shanks.

FEATHER: Johnny Hanks (champion), Billy Leckie, Owen Smith.

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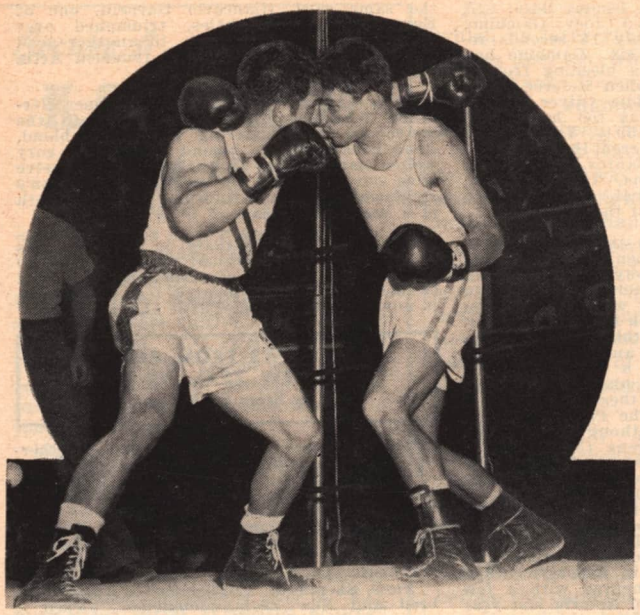
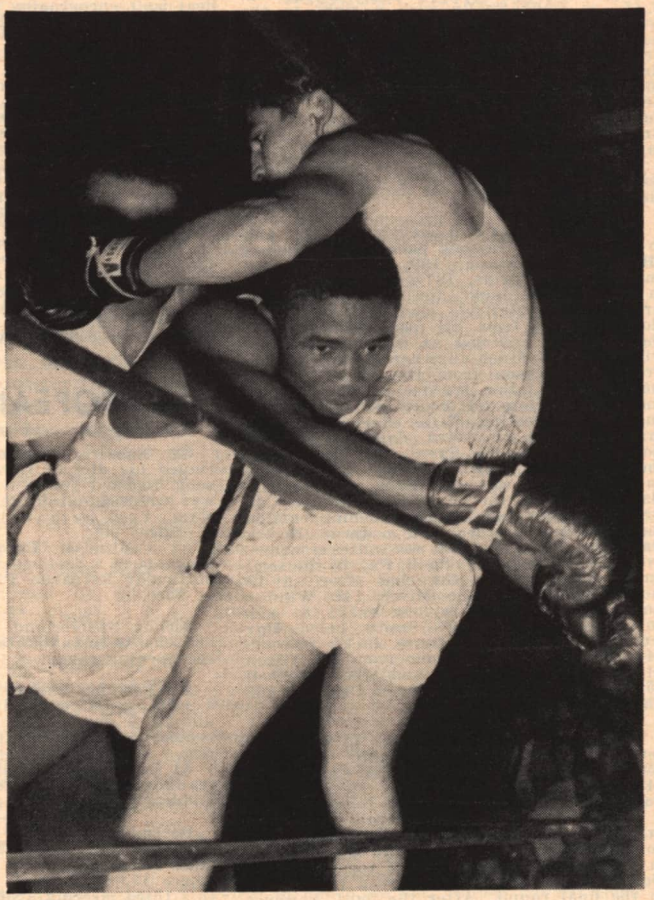


Joey Dorando (left), of Lyndhurst, N. J., defeated Nigri Stingriani of Argentina in the finals for the welterweight championships at the Pan-Am Games.

(Below) William Morton of the U. S. clinches and drives Carlos Rivero Fernandez (right) into the ropes during their bout for the light-welterweight title. Fernandez won the decision.



Pan-American Fireworks

By MURRAY ROSE

JUDGING by the results and the fine calibre of boxers in the Pan-American championships in Mexico City, the Olympic boxing tournament at Melbourne in 1956 is going to be something worth traveling a long distance for. Argentina, with a group of well conditioned, well-coached fisticuffers, stole the Mexico City show from the United States, winning four gold medals to three for Uncle Sam.

In addition, the gauchos captured the unofficial team title, scoring 27½ points to 23 for the U.S.A. Points were figured on a basis of five for first, three for second and one for third. Venezuela and Chile tied for third with 10 each, followed by Brazil 9½, Mexico, the host nation, 6½, and Puerto Rico 3½. Guatemala and the Dominican Republic did not score.

The champions, by classes, and the finals, were:

Flyweight (112 pounds)—Hilario Correa, Mexico, outpointed Manuel Vega Freire, Chile.

Bantamweight (119 pounds)—Salvador Jesus Enriquez, Venezuela, outpointed Ward Yee, U.S.A.

Featherweight (126 pounds)—Oswaldo Canete Insfran, Argentina, outpointed Claudio Barrientos, Chile.

Lightweight (132 pounds)—Miguel Pendola Silva, Argentina, knocked out Gerardo Clemente, Puerto Rico, in 1:09 of the third round.

Light Welterweight (140 pounds)—Juan Rivero Fernandez, Argentina, outpointed Willie Morton, U.S.A.

Welterweight (147 pounds)—Joey Dorando, U.S.A., outpointed Nicolas Nigri Stringriani, Argentina.

Light Middleweight (156 pounds)—Paul Wright, U.S.A., outpointed Raul Tovan, Venezuela.

Middleweight (165 pounds)—Orville Pitts, U.S.A., knocked out Miguel Safatle Ali, Chile, in 2:29 of the third round.

Light Heavyweight (178 pounds)—Luis Ignacio, Brazil, outpointed Abelo Escalante Gonzalez, Argentina.

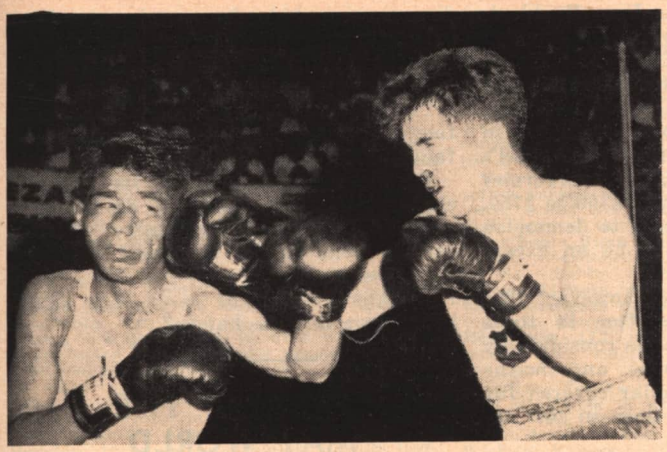
Heavyweight—Pablo Miteff Ochoa, Argentina, outpointed Waldemar Alao, Brazil.

OUTSTANDING BOXERS

Outstanding boxers of the games were Pitts, a six foot, three inch Air Force Sergeant from Flint, Mich., Argentina's impressive trio of Canete Insfran, Pendola Silva and heavyweight Miteff Ochoa, a great prospect both for the Olympics and the professional ranks. Mark his name down for future reference. You'll be hearing a lot more about this 18-year old, six foot, one inch, 205-pounder.

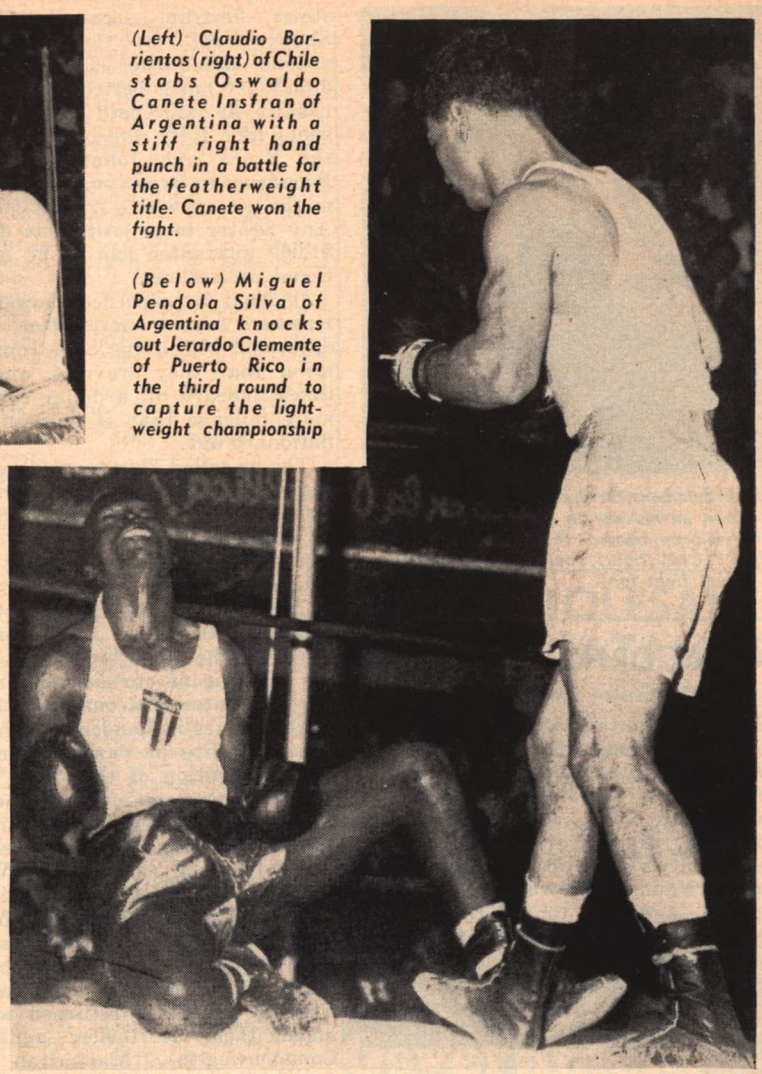
Wright, Dorando, Brazilian light heavyweight Luis Ignacio and Argentina's beaten light heavy, Abelo Escalante Gonzalez, also made fine impressions.

U.S. coach Pete Mello and Col. Don Hull, the manager from Ft. Meade, had expected to take five titles but after seeing what the others had to offer they weren't disappointed with taking home three gold medals. The competition was keen and Uncle Sam did okay considering this was not the best he had to offer. There were no college scrappers on



(Left) Claudio Barrientos (right) of Chile stabs Oswaldo Canete Insfran of Argentina with a stiff right hand punch in a battle for the featherweight title. Canete won the fight.

(Below) Miguel Pendola Silva of Argentina knocks out Jerardo Clemente of Puerto Rico in the third round to capture the lightweight championship



the U.S. team because the games were held in March, a busy period in U.S. institutions.

Nine of the 10 U.S. gladiators represented the Armed Services while the 10th, Olympic light heavyweight champion, Norvel Lee, is an ex-GI. Lee, hoping to capture the only major amateur crown to elude him—the Pan-American title—was decisively beaten in his semifinal by Miteff Ochoa, the eventual heavyweight king.

"Old age beat Norvel," said coach Mello.

"That's it," said the 30-year old Lee. "I've had it. I'm calling it a career."

Lee had come out of retirement to take his final crack. Yes, it was old age plus youth—hungry, determined relentless youth personified by the Argentine, Miteff Ochoa. Lee held off the strong youngster for one round but then folded under the pressure applied by the hooking, body-thumping gaucho. The Argentine went to whip Brazil's Waldemar Adao, another fine fighter who physically resembled Jack Johnson, in a close, free-swinging final.

MEXICANS GO WILD

The heavyweight final was the windup of the five-day, 45-bout tournament in the Coliseo in downtown Mexico City. The arena was packed nightly to far more than its 6,000 seat capacity and thousands were turned away nightly from the dingy, grimey, double balconied, ancient battlepit.

The arena, the frenzied fans, and the noise and demonstrations were as much a show as the action in the ring. There were a couple of what looked to be anti-U.S. demonstrations but there were cheers, too, for the North American swingers.

On the night of the finals, the fans gave the U.S. spectators some anxious moments. Among the small U.S. delegation were Maj. Gen. Emmett (Rosey) O'Donnell, director of personnel for the U.S. Air Force; Col. Eddie Eagan, the former Olympic champion and erstwhile chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission; Lou Wilkie, President of the AAU; Dan Ferris, executive secretary of the AAU; Tippy Goes, Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Rowing Committee, and other Olympic brass.

Some 40 minutes before the finals started, the impatient fans in the circular balconies made flares out of rolled up newspapers—an old Mexican custom—and started tossing them around. Before long there were six or seven bonfires burning merrily in both balconies. Fortunately there is wire netting strung in front of both decks to prevent the hotheaded customers from tossing their torches and bottles into the ring and ringside section.

In addition to the two balconies, whose facades are decorated with beer and whiskey ads, there are two narrow shelves hanging from the roof, each holding about 100 fans. How none fell out is still a mystery to this observer.

The floor of the ringside section is made of wood, which didn't make the writer any happier. The narrow aisles generally were clogged. Some day that arena is going to go up in flames.

AMERICANS RAZZED

From the opening bout on March 14th to the windup on the 21st, the fans let loose with more cheers, boos and whistles than this observer ever heard in one place before.

For some strange reason they let loose on Ward Yee, a Chinese-American airman from Youngstown, O., with a barrage of boos and derisive whistles before his semi-final bout with Roberto Lobos of Chile. Maybe the Mexicans were getting tired of the unending procession of U.S. victories in other sports. Anyway, Yee stepped into the ring first and for a full three minutes until his opponent climbed between the ropes, they poured it on the agitated Yee. The Chilean was cheered. And when Yee received the decision, they turned on the whistles again.

There was something of the same for Joey Dorando, welterweight airman from Lyndhurst, N. J., after he beat Argentina's Nicolas Nigri Stringriani in the welterweight final. It was a close fight but Joey deserved the nod. The stocky 23-year old came close to kayoing the Argentine in the first round, faded in the second, and finished strong in the final round.

The fans booed and whistled the verdict. There were boos and whistles, too, while the U.S. flag was being raised and the anthem played. One Mexican writer said afterwards that it was not the Mexican public but "outsiders" who caused the "disrespectful" demonstration.

MEXICAN WINS FLYWEIGHT TITLE

But let's get back to the fights. Mexico's Hilario Correa made the crowd happy by winning the flyweight crown in a close scrap with Chile's Manuel Vega Freire. The Mexican

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Jack Solomons, Britain's outstanding boxing promoter, on his way to the Marciano-Cockell fight, relaxes aboard the Queen Mary with Alfred P. Cain (right), one of the chief stewards, an ardent fight fan.

NO ACORNS, NO OAKS

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The Harlem, in 135th Street, west of Madison Avenue, with John (the Barber) Reisler promoting and Lew Raymond booking, probably couldn't accommodate more than 3,500 customers, yet twice, four weeks apart, it offered three of the city's best attractions—Leach Cross, Young Brown and Benny Leonard—against top lightweights! Cross' opponents were Johnny Harvey and former world champion Ad Wolgast; Brown tangled with Matt Wells and Joe Welling, and Leonard stacked up against Joe Azevedo and Joe Mandot!

On another occasion, the Harlem booked *three world champions* on one card! Bantamweight (Kewpie) Ertle was unable to show because of damages suffered in a Philadelphia bout a few nights before, but the other title-holders appeared, featherweight Johnny Kilbane taking on Harry Donahue and lightweight Freddie Welsh accommodating Frankie Whitney.

World champions didn't consider it beneath their dignity to appear in the smaller arenas. True, the no-decision law was in effect in New York in those days, and the only way a title-holder could lose his laurels was by a knockout. But three of them did. The middleweight title figured in two transfers. George Chip lost it first when southpaw Al McCoy turned in that stunning one-round job at the Broadway Sporting Club in Brooklyn, and McCoy, in turn, was relieved of the title when Mike O'Dowd battered him out of circulation in six rounds at another Brooklyn swattery, Clermont Rink. Benny Leonard won the lightweight laurels by stopping Freddie Welsh in the ninth session at Harlem's Manhattan Casino, across Eighth Avenue from the Polo Grounds.

MONEY values, of course, were vastly different in that era from what they are now. A main eventer at the lesser clubs, particularly dingy upstairs firetraps like Jim Buckley's Sharkey A.C. on Columbus Avenue, around the corner from St. Nick's, didn't get much better than $100, and usually he was paid less. At larger spots like Billy Gibson's Fairmont in the Bronx and Johnny Weismantel's Broadway in Brooklyn, a top performer might get anywhere from $300 to $750. Any fighter in a position to demand a $1,000 guarantee had to be an exceptional attraction.

It must be conceded, however, that ringmen fought more often in those days, and with living costs considerably lower than they are now, and income taxes unheard of, a dollar covered far more mileage than it does in this inflationary age.

The so-called "big money" era began when the Walker law brought professional boxing back to New York State in 1920, after an absence of three years. The new law called for bouts to official decisions.

The leather-tossing industry had been given a terrific lift during World War I. The importance of boxing in the training of our armed forces, and the keen interest aroused by the Inter-Allied Games in London and the A.E.F. championships in Paris had brought a new recognition of the sport. The arrival on the scene of the dynamic Jack Dempsey as heavyweight champion of the world added further fuel to the fires of public enthusiasm. With the fabulous Tex Rickard moving into Madison Square Garden, the boom really was on. Clubs began sprouting throughout the city's five boroughs. Many of the popular standbys of the Frawley law days returned to action, among them the Harlem (renamed the Commonwealth), Manhattan Casino, Pioneer, Star Casino, Broadway and Clermont Rink. New arenas popped up all over the landscape. The army air force base at Mitchell Field got into the merry scramble, and a half-dozen National Guard armories were opened to boxing. Pay rates for fighters jumped to double and triple the pre-war scales, and matchmakers were deluged by ambitious youngsters eager for ring careers.

OUT of all this hustle and bustle came a steady parade of fine fighters, and New York boxing reached its all-time peak during that colorful ten-year span known as the "Golden Decade of Sport." To list only some of the many champions and near-champions developed in New York rings during the boisterous '20s there were Midget Smith, Dave Rosenberg, Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Paul Berlenbach, Sid Terris, Gene Tunney, Tony Canzoneri, Maxie Rosenbloom, Ben Jeby, Al Singer, Solly Krieger and Frankie Genaro.

The years move on, times and conditions change, and boxing now faces the most critical outlook it has known since it became Big Business. The televising of weekly fights from a few major centers has wrecked local promotions in the lesser communities of the nation. Uncertain prospects are discouraging kids from going in for ring careers, and they are turning to other and less rugged pursuits. So-called top talent is declining steadily in quality and quantity. Few "new faces" are coming along to replace the fading veterans.

Boxing definitely needs its "small clubs," the incubators and developing grounds for future headliners. What can be done to revive them? Maybe Commissioner Helfand can find the right answers. If he can't—has anybody got a miracle handy?

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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for all, the two grapplers were summoned next day to Promoter Eddie Quin's office where the bout was shown on film and sure enough Kowalski was right, for a change. O'Connor was the culprit. A re-match was set for the following week and, as I stated earlier, O'Connor emerged the winner.

Kowalski made known his decision to quit the mat game if he lost to O'Connor. Now that he has lost we'll just have to wait and see. This is not the first time he has said this, but he always came back. He intends opening a jewelry store in our fair city.

Yukon Eric, the 272-pound Alaskan grappler who boasts a 21-inch neck, returned to the Forum ring the other night to take on Pat O'Connor, 234, in a two out of three falls match. It was a rousing battle all the way with O'Connor taking the first fall with a series of drop kicks and Eric copping the second with his very effective backbreaker hold.

O'Connor was awarded the third and final fall when Eric was disqualified for tossing his rival out of the ring. Eric was using his backbreaker hold at the time and could easily have won if he had not backed over to the ropes and gracefully dumped the Irishman almost into the lap of yours truly. Oh well, it was one of those things, and O'Connor did not seem any the worse for wear.

On the same card, ex-Ohio State football star, Big Bill Miller, 275, disposed of Montreal's Sammy Berg, 230, in the semi-final. The 312-pound Texan, Don Lee, was disqualified in his bout with California's Mickey Gold, 235. Billy McDaniels, 210, St. Louis, looking as if he was more concerned in setting a new mile record than in wrestling, drew with Timothy Geohagen, 234, Wyoming, who had his work cut out for him chasing him man all around the Forum ring.

WINNIPEG, CANADA
By Cy Louth

THE rabid Russians from Moscow came to Winnipeg for one of Alex Turk's more recent wrestling shows and sent the local fans crazier than ever.

During the course of the hectic one-hour tag team match between Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff, both 238, and Bronko Nagurski, 253, International Falls, and Johnny Kostas, 239, Greece, many weird and fantastic things happened.

An irate fan tore off his shoe, hurled it into the ring. One of the Kalmikoff kids picked it up and used it as a weapon against fleet-footed Johnny Kostas. On two occasions, friendly knife wielders rushed ringwards to cut ropes from the necks of Johnny Kostas first, and his pal the Bronk a few minutes later. One of the terrible Russians snatched up a heavy winter coat after being hurled from the ring, and made an unsuccessful attempt to smother Bronko Nagurski with it.

And a not-so-friendly knife wielder kept brandishing a small penknife in the vicinity of the ring until he was finally driven away to safer territory. At least one free-for-all broke out on the floor of the auditorium, and police had to break it up.

As for the match itself, it ended in a draw. The Russian twosome took the first fall when both Ivan and Karol knee-dropped Kostas into submission. Looking somewhat the worse for wear, Kostas made a surprising come-back to take the second stanza by pinning Ivan with that famous hold known as the Kostas Special.

Then, if any rules were left in the book, they were cast out. For 25 minutes all Hades broke loose, both in the ring and on the floor of the auditorium. Never before had such madness prevailed in the Winnipeg auditorium. For a time it looked like a mass riot was brewing.

The whole card was a dandy.

BOXING IN TEXAS
by Harlan Haas

Beaumont, Texas—Red Farris, hard working Beaumont promoter, came up with his second straight sellout by again featuring the sharp punching Paul Jorgensen, this time against Houston's mighty atom, Baby Alaniz. Jorgensen had things his own way and after dropping the Baby several times in the ninth, the referee halted proceedings. Jorgensen scaled 128, Alaniz, 126.

J. W. "Kid" Henry, 136, Orange, handed Marvin "Ace" Droddy, 140, Houston, his first setback in eleven pro encounters by taking a unanimous six round decision. Henry was making his first start in over a year and looked sharp, while the very promising North Side youngster found out you can't win 'em all when out of shape. Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 155, Houston, punched out a six round win over the rugged Guy Guerrette, 152, Hartford, Conn. Stanley Jones, 158, Houston, toyed with muscular Harold Redman, 160, Beaumont, then cut loose and it was all over in round two. Preston Frederick, 140, Port Neches, kayoed Joe Bertrand, 135, Port Arthur, in 3.

San Antonio, Texas—In the top bout, Larry Baker, 148, New York, scored a two round tko over Pirrin Vega, 150, Mexico, when the larruping Latin came up with a cut eye. In the other half of the co main, Manuel Armenteros, 123, Havana, won a clearcut 10 round decision over San Antonio's Joe Boland, 126.

Babe Vance, 149, Quinland, decisioned Danny Cardenas, 144, San Antonio, in a six. Don Tucker, 217, Robtown, copped a sixer from Jess "Ranchero" Alonzo, 250, San Antonio. George Steele, 150, San Antonio, stopped Louis Sierra, 145, Galveston, in three.

Dallas, Texas—Oscar Pharo, 195, Birmingham, made an auspicious debut in the Lone Star State when he flattened elongated Ted "Kayo" Donald, 200, New Orleans, in the opening round.

The highly touted George Carter added another victim to his rapidly growing list by icing Charley Sazera in the second round. They're welters, Carter hails from Fort Worth, while Sazera hangs his hat around Birmingham. Henry Miramontes, 122, had a rough time before stopping Juan "Lefty" Perez, 128, Corpus Christi, in the fourth. Buster Price, 159, New Orleans, and Norris Burse, 158, had their affair ruled no contest in the fifth round. Bill Hamilton, 160, Dallas, stopped Charles Johnson, 155, Dallas, in two, while in the curtain raiser Tiger Bill Reed, 160, edged Dave Wilkins, Kilgore, 162, in four fast rounds.

El Paso, Texas—Chebo Hernandez, 162, Mexico, and the veteran Cecil Hudson, 161. Hernandez a rough tough customer who has been fighting on the West Coast was the winner by a kayo in the tenth and final round. Blas Juarez, 148, won an eight rounder from Jesse Robles, 155. Lloyd Kirkpatrick, 149, decisioned Howard Prestcott, 147, in six. While in fours Lorenzo Alonzo, 144, defeated Gilberto Holguin, 145, and Billy Gomez, 126, beat Ramon Soza, 119.

Galveston, Texas—In a truly great fight staged by Phil Flake at Galveston, Boland Abrams, 132, Pittsburg Negro, with a real cute style, won an extremely close ten round split decision over the Texas lightweight champion, Cesar Saavedra, 132.

El Paso, Texas—Jimmy Erwin went with his second show of the year at El Paso, and in the top fight, Art Aragon, weighing 150, decisioned Armando Muniz, 149, in ten rounds. In other bouts, Lorenzo Castillo, 128, edged Jose Reyes, 128, after six rounds of action, Lorenzo Alonzo, 144, beat Gilberto Holguin, 146, in six, Miguel Banda, 144, beat Danny Bob Hool, 147, in four, Billy Gomez, 127, won a four over Salvador Fierro, 127, and Oscar Lomas gained the nod over Victor Delgado, 116, in another four.

Tyler, Texas—Tyler is the latest Texas city to stage a professional fight card, and it did itself proud by luring $3,400 worth of paying customers into the arena. In the main attraction, hard hitting young Buddy Turman, 180, Tyler, lowered the boom on tall Jimmy Sadler, 187. It was all over in two rounds. Babe Vance, 148, Quinland, stopped Henry Johnson, 146, Dallas, in the sixth round.

Henry Miramontes, 119, iced Rudy Gonzales, 125, in four. Billy Hamilton, 160, decisioned Ross Brantley, 157, in six. Billy Hodge, 135, stopped Ronald Sheffield, 141, in the second, while Bill Reed, 162, scored over Johnny Wheatley, 162, in six.

Beaumont, Texas—In a real crowd pleaser George Easterling, 136, Port Arthur, remained undefeated in three outtings this year by winning a nine round tko over the gutty Frenchman from New Orleans, Al Boudreaux, 140.

J. W. "Kid" Henry, 133, Orange, racked up victory number two on his comeback campaign by taking the measure of Bobby Garza, 133, Corpus Christi, in six rounds. Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 155, Houston, stopped the wild redhead from Sylacauga, Al Horton, 160, in the fifth. Horton rode the rail in from Alabama a few days before the brawl. Charles Beasley, 144, Houston, laid the leather to Joe Broussard, 149, Beaumont, and the lights went out in less than two minutes of the opening round. Bobby Jones, 150, Houston, dropped Cyril Lobue, 145, Port Arthur, a couple of times before the bout was halted in the third.

Robstown, Texas—In the main go of an action packed card, Norris Burse, 157, Robstown, belted Gil de la Garza, 160, San Antonio, out of the picture in two rounds. In other bouts, Juan "Lefty" Perez, 130, Corpus Christi, decisioned Gil Tapia, 130, Robstown, in six. Bobby Lowry, 147, stowed away Alonzo Flowers, 146, in the fourth. Lowry was a finalist in this years State Golden Glove tourney. Elroy Vann, 168, won over Alvin Henderson, 172, in four, while Andrew Villarreal, 145, stopped Tony Castillo, 153, in the third.

Dallas, Texas—In one of the best fights seen in Dallas in many many years, Oscar Pharo, 196, Birmingham, won a ten round split decision over Bobby Spaeth, 180, Wichita, Kansas.

William "Red" Worley, 183, Dallas, former State lightheavy king, outboxed Don Tucker, 209, Robstown, to gain an eight round win. Lamoine "Babe" Vance, 145, Quinland, had a bit too much experience for the very rugged Mel Barker, 150, Austin, this year's State GG champ, but the decision was by a narrow margin. Barker can fight and you'll be hearing from the kid. Tommy Barron, 158, Dallas, and another of this years State GG champs, stopped Ross Brantley, 159, Dallas, in five. Barron's a puncher. In the opener, Billy Hodge, 130, Dallas, kayoed Cliff Dennis, 128, Birmingham, in the initial session.

Corpus Christi—Benny Lozano finally came up with one that sold out, as Tommy Ramirez, 173, Corpus Christi, former State middleweight champion and a good one, hit the trail back, and came through with a nine round technical knockout over Tommy Smith, 177, Cincinnati. Smith was on the deck ten times, and was never in contention. He was in distress in the ninth, as he wobbled about the ring, and the bout was stopped.

Bobby Garza, 136, Corpus Christi, got back into the win column by kayoing Buck Garrett, 132, Waco, in the third round of the semi windup. Pete Carrizales, 130, Corpus Christi, banged out a win over Eddie Wiliby, 130, Galveston, in four action packed rounds. In the opener, Joe Armendaris, 141, Galveston, took a four rounder from Juan Gomez, 149, Corpus Christi.

Monroe, Louisiana—Like Ole Man River, Clarence Cook, the highly regarded young Monroe welter keeps right on rolling. He decked tough Guy Guerrette, 150, Hartford, six times before putting him away in the fifth round before a packed house at Monroe, Louisiana. It was Cook's sixteenth triumph in seventeen trips to the post, his eighth by knockout. Gus Kallio, former middleweight rasslin' champ of the world, and now the Monroe promoter, was all smiles as he had to hang out the SRO sign, and turn hundreds away. Wildman Dunn, 170, Shreveport, was credited with a two round tkayo over Henry Burton, 165, Monroe. It was claimed that Burton slipped and hit his head on the floor, He was up at nine, but in a dazed condition and the bout was halted. Earl Pardon, 128, Oak Grove, decisioned Ruhl Brumley, 126, Oak Grove, in four, and Paul Farrar, 135, Farmersville, edged Ray Stewart, Bastrop, in four, while Kid Fields, 155, Monroe, won over Jimmy Coleman, 155, Barksdale Field.

Houston, Texas—Paul Jorgensen, 127, Port Arthur, dropped former bantamweight king Harold Dade, 128, Los Angeles, three times in the third and thrice more in the fourth when referee Jack Dempsey decided the little Negro was through for the nite. Dade started out well enough, and looked cute, but as they started the third, Jorgensen dug a left hand into the pit of his stomach and followed with a right to the jaw and that was the beginning of the end.

This was Houston's first mixed bout, and the gate was a good $7200. The people of Houston welcomed boxing back, and it looks like Paul Jorgensen is the boy to go with. Only 20 years old, Jorgensen must be rated with the outstanding young featherweights of the country.

Ray Riojas, 137, Fort Worth, won all six rounds from Junios West, 136, New Orleans. West tried hard all the way, but the hard hitting Riojas carried the heavy artillery. The New Orleans scrapper was decked twice in the fifth, and was on rubber legs as the bell ended the round.

Lloyd Nelson, 152, Houston, looked sharp in beating Al Horton, 160, Sylacauga, after six bruising rounds. Tino Longoria, 155, Houston, decked Mario Hernandez, 158, Mexico, numerous times before the contest was stopped in the fifth. In the curtain raiser, Charles Beasley, 140, Houston, scored his second straight one round kayo by stopping Polo Patino, 140, Galveston, in 2:00.

1955 RING RECORD BOOK CORRECTIONS

In the records of Andy Mayfield and Gus Rubicini, on Pages 574 and 639 respectively, make the following changes in the notation at the end of the 1954 record:

*The referee first awarded the fight to Mayfield on a TKO but later the commission, after a hearing, altered the verdict to a draw.

Page 683—In Joey Trujillo's 1954 record, change Jan. 18 Eddie Lockett fight to May 25 and L 6 to W 4; and delete July 29 Tony Salazar fight.

Page 548—In Eddie Lockett's 1954 record, change Jan. 18 Kid Trujillo fight to read Junior Best, and May 25 Junior Best fight to read Joey Trujillo.

Page 373—In Junior Best's 1954 record, change May 25 Eddie Lockett fight to Jan. 18 and W 4 to L 4; also, add fight, July 29, Tony Salazar, West Jordan, L 4.

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REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

BEN ESCOBAR, the featherweight champion who was scheduled to defend his crown against Emile "Bill" Tinde, sustained a cut on his left eye and the bout was postponed.

The promotion will be held in the Bullfight Arena as already announced with the consent of Jes Cortes, who is also promoting the Dancing Waters there. Recently we received a cablegram from Calcutta that Frank Malinao, former welterweight champion of Japan and India, is confined in a hospital and is seriously ill.

The sportswriters will pay his fare from India to Manila. Malinao was one of the first Filipino fighters that invaded Japan with Dommy Reyes and Fighting Yaba (the elder brother of Star Frisco).

Leo Zulueta became the bantam title holder of Southern Luzon by outpointing Cunning Andy, 114 in Calamba. Six rounds were copped by Leo and Andy won only one round with one even. Leo was awarded the championship belt from Mayor Pantaleon Alihan of Calamba after the bout of 8 round main event.

Baby Quintana, 117, and Young Cading, 118, drew in 6 rounds. Waling Waling Boy, 113, decisioned Mario Manuel in 6 rounds. Fighting Litcheria, 114, kayoed Fighting De Guia, 115, in the 3rd round. Baby Nenet, 112, stopped Rocky Quizon, 111, in the 2nd round. Little Santos, 112, knocked out Mamatid Boy, 110, in the 2nd round. Lefty Alvarez, 110, drew with Nick Villa, 111, in four. Young Del Pilar, 109, defeated Star Tony, Jr., 110, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Baby Mortel, Jr., 126, knocked out Juliet Bert, 126, in the 4th round of a scheduled 8 rounder in Tanay, Rizal. Young Cading, 125, outpointed Baby Baltazar, 126, in 6 rounds. Wawa Kid, 111, decisioned Little Benny, 112, in 4. Baby Fredie kayoed Boy Martinez, 114, in the 3rd round. Baby Soriano, 122, kayoed Young Mauler, 124, in the very 1st round. Sonny Boy, 126, beat Fighting Piling, 120, in the 4 round opener.

Bob Burdett, 133, and kid brother of Clever Henry outpointed Johnny Sarmiento, 134, in 6 round main event in Santa Maria, Bulacan. Oscar Guban, 126, knocked out Max Morgan, 131, in the 1st round. Viva Zapata, 112, stopped Little Walcott, 112, in the 4th round. R. de Jesus, 122, kayoed Teddy Villanueva, 123, in the 1st round. Cris Miranda, 116, beat Montalban, Jr., 119, in 4 rounds. Ry Sison disposed of Reno Kid, 113, in the 3rd round. Feliciano Olaca, 124, decisioned Baby Garcia, Jr., 123, in the 4 round opening bout.

Frisco Concepcion, 120, and Plaza Wonder Boy, 120, drew in 6 rounds in Tarlac. Young Fredie, 122, fought on even terms with Billy Andy, 124, in another 6 rounder. Frankie Young, 116, outpointed Young Brazil, 116, in 6 rounds. Strong Lucas, 128, kayoed Strong De Leon, 135, in the 2nd round. Little Eddy, 109, stopped Kid George, 110, in the 2nd round. Tariji Wildcat, 126, won over Ric Romero, 128, in 4. Star Bondoc won over Baby San Juan, 110, via the short route in the 2nd round.

Baby Dundee, 131, badly beat Puyas Boy, 124, in 8 at Fort McKinley, promoted by the Officers of the Post. Al Custer, 120, and Little Murillo, 120, drew in another 8 rounder. Avenger, Jr., 125, defeated Montalban Kid, 120, in 6 rounds. Laudinez, Jr., 111, licked Little Raytranco, 111, in 4. Oscar Reyes, 127, beat Danny Montes, 30, in six. Sev. Grafia, 124, decisioned Johnny Sarmiento, 127, in 4.

Leo Zulueta, 110, drew with Little Brown, 108, in 8 round in Atimonan, Quezon province. Young Bataan, 115, beat Little Raytranco, 114, in 6 rounds. Young Peter, 128, kayoed Panbilan, 126, in the 2nd round. Strong Lucas, 116, beat Joe Clemente, 117, in 4. Kid Blaze, 110 and Sandy Camara, 110, drew in 6. Baby Buce, 25, bested Young Valdez, 125, in 4.

Al Custer, 126, badly outpointed Bert Gonzales, 126, in 8 rounds in Mariquina, Rizal. Montalban Boy, 120, beat Bagumbayan Boy, 126, in another 8 rounder. Waling Waling Boy, 120, bested Young Brazil, 120, in 6. Raytranco Kid, 108, won over Mario Manuel, 111, in 8 rounds. Batt. Marcellana, 150, stopped Clever Sario, 143, in the 2nd round. Baby Nenet, 112, and Rudy Torres, 112, drew in 4. Duque de Manolo, 110, kayoed Little del Pilar, 106, in the 2nd round.

Baby Naven, 129, kayoed Al Barretto, 119, in the 2nd round in San Fernando. Cunning Andy, 110, and Laudinez, Jr., 110, drew in 6 rounds. Kid Ocampo, 127, lost to Bob Burdet, 128, in 4 rounds. Ray Sison, 110, kayoed Star Angeles, 117, in the 3rd round Flash Salvador, 125, lost to Young Freddie, 118, in 4. Star Romy, 120, won over Kid San Vicente, 128, in 4. Danny Kid, the flyweight champion of the Philippines exhibited 3 rounds with Frisco Concepcion. Little Cesar, the leading contender for the bantam title exhibited with Tony Lorente in 3 rounds.

Camilo Silva, 115, beat Agno River Boy, 118, in 8 rounds in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. Johnny Nabor, 116, stopped Frisco Genio, 112, in the 3rd round. Young Billy, 112, and King George, 113, drew in 4 rounds. Snappy Joe, 120, stopped Larry Corrales, 116, in the 2nd round. Laddy Garcia, 130, iced Clever Bautista, 116, in the 2nd round. Baby Centino, 124 kayoed Rudy Infante, 126, in the 4th round. Little Danny, 108, won over Star Pedring, 106, in the first 4 round bout.

Gene Aragon, 118, beat Fighting Gorio, 114, in 8 rounds in Nasugbu, Batangas. Terry Gonzales, 136, stopped Larry Antonio, 135, in the 4th round. Snart Francis, 126, kayoed Speed Bautista, 128, in the very first round. Hammer Boy, 112, won over Rudy Hawayano, 115, in 4 rounds. Fighting Jovito, 114, knocked out Kid Valdez, 118, in the 3rd round. Leona Tiburcio, 109, disposed Star Magno, 114, in the 4th round. Baby Estaquio, 95, and Vic Semeniano, 90, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Little Brown, 104, kayoed Bino Manalo, 108, in the 6th round in Sta. Cruz, Laguna. Young Eleno, 122, beat Baby Baltazar, 122, in 6 rounds. Dommy Cruz, 130, and Fighting Rufi, 128, drew in 4 rounds. Little Santiago, 110, won over Little Baya, 114, in 4. Anie Replan, 115, knocked out Allan Boy, 105, in the 3rd round. Fred Wilson, 116, stopped Eddie Villa, 110, in the 1st round of the curtain raiser.

Severo Fuentes, 133, badly outpointed Ben Escobar, 136, in a 10 round main event in the coliseum. Ben Escobar is the present featherweight title holder of the country. Danny Kid, 116, and present flyweight champion, lost to Little Cesar, 117, in another 10 rounder. It was a night of upset on the two titleholders who were the heavy favorites. Leo Alonzo, 129, kayoed Larry Bataan, 128, in the 4th round. Bataan was the former featherweight title holder of the Philippines and the Orient.

Vic. Tunacao, 151, made a successful debut as a professional when he beat Ben Salem, 150, in 4 rounds. Tunacao was the former amateur welterweight champion of the orient. Gon Francisco, 113, beat Arturo Villa, 116, in 4 rounds. Bob Burdett, 130, won over Bonnie Olphie, 123, in 4 rounds. Up Flash, 123, kayoed Tony Rinas, 123, in the 3rd round. Fighting Matnog, 114, and Young Fuestes, 115, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Midget Louis, 114, and Frisco Concepcion, 118, drew in 8 rounds in Angeles, Pampanga. Vic Espiritu, 128, won over Ernie Pineda, 128, in another 8 rounder. Larry Pineda, the Pampango sensation, exhibited with Rudy Alcantara and Roland Laurecio with 2 rounds each. Cesar Paras, 140 kayoed Joe Miller, 138, in the 3rd round. Raytranco Kid, 103, stopped Small Doro, 110, in the 3rd round. Henry Manese, 111, and Dommy Tayag, 113, drew in 4. Young Orlando, 116, kayoed Fel Mercado, 119, in the 3rd round. Ralf San Juan, 111, won over Speedy Benny, 108, in 4 rounds.

Jackie Trilla, 126, badly outpointed Villeza Villar, 124, in 10 rounds in Grace Park. Ross Padilla, 117, lost to Frisco Reyes, 118, in another 10 rounder. Rene Cruz, 113, proved too fast and strong for Midget Louis, 114, in 8 rounds. Kid Basas, 117, lcked Ray Santos, 118, in 6 rounds. Speedy Dado, Jr., 112 beat Little Bataan, 14, in 4. Ric Balmes, 114, beat Tony Bar, 115, in 4. And Teddy Villanueva outpointed Ray Balmes, 120, in the opening 4 rounds.

At present we have 35 beneficiaries who will be benefited by our promotions. All these disabled fighters of the past will be helped. The net profit of the Sportswriters' Association Benefit will become a trust fund for distitute boxers like the National Sports Alliance Fund of New York of which Nat Fleischer is the treasurer.

Zacarias M. Tabaniag, the president of the Philippine Sportswriters' Association had been going around selling tickets in the Philippine Congress and he found all very cooperative.

Don Manolo Elizalde, a leading sportsman of the country can never be forgotten by our association for his financial help. J. P. Roxas, a former sparring partner of the late Pancho Villa and a big boss of Caltex, paid for all the advertisements of the promotion and Jes Cortes withheld one night of his show (Dancing Waters) just to give us a chance to stage our show.

Conrado Baluyot, sports editor of Bagong Buhay, a venacular daily, is now a boxing promoter. He is now promoting in Morong, Rizal and in his initial offering, he made a big hit with the public.

Little Cesar, the protege of Candido Carino, is the idol of Binang, Laguna, the hometown of the widow of the late Clever Sencio who died in America after his ring battle with Bud Taylor. Cesar is now the biggest boxing attraction in the bantamweight division.

POCATELLO, IDAHO
NCAA Results

119 pounds—Bobby McCullom, Idaho State, decisioned Tom Shimabuku, Hawaii; Robert Boudreau, Michigan State, decisioned Eduardo Labastida, California Poly.

125 pounds—Seija Naya, Hawaii, decisioned Kim Kanaya, San Jose State; Bob Freeman, Louisiana State, decisioned Frank Guelli, Syracuse.

132 pounds—Vince Polumbo, Maryland, decisioned Dan Axtman, Idaho State; John Butler, Michigan State, decisioned John Stiglets, Louisiana State.

139 pounds—John Granger, Syracuse, decisioned Andy Sciambra, Louisiana State; Chuck Magestro, Wisconsin, decisioned Will Wiswall, Santa Clara.

147 pounds—Ted Contri, Nevada, decisioned Bob Rigolosi, Syracuse; Herb Odom, Michigan State, decisioned Jim Robertson, Washington State.

156 pounds—Dick Bender, San Jose State, decisioned Gus Fiascco, Syracuse; Tony Dibiase, Virginia, decisioned Jim Schneider, Wisconsin.

165 pounds—Everett Chambers, Wisconsin, decisioned L. G. Neal, Idaho State; Max Voshall, San Jose State, decisioned George Sisinni, Michigan State.

178 pounds—George Pelonis, California, decisioned Dave Fanner, San Jose State; Gordon Gladson, Washington State, decisioned Bill Greenway, Michigan State.

Heavyweight—Bob Hinds, Wisconsin, ko'd Mike McNurtry, Idaho State, in 1:10 of the second; Crowe Peel, Louisiana State decisioned Andy Ronie, Michigan State.

KAYOES NO HANDICAP

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fight with Louis. The Brown Bomber took care of Nova in six rounds.

Tommy Farr was knocked out by Eddie Steele long before he came to the United States and went 15 rounds with Louis. Tommy was a better than average heavyweight, even though he never won a fight on this side of the Atlantic.

Perhaps there is hope for Cockell after all. Getting knocked out doesn't stop a heavyweight, certainly not a British heavyweight, and the chunky Cockell will have Tonypandy Tommy as an inspiration when he climbs into the ring with the champ at San Francisco.

Of course Cockell may be knocked out again, but if he is, it has happened before, not only to him, but to a lot of other aspirants to the ancient throne of John L. Sullivan.

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PAN-AMERICAN FIREWORKS

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is as peppery as a tamale and he won out with a two-fisted body assault.

Yee, a skinny, southpaw, was beaten in the bantamweight final by Venezuela's Salvador Jesus Enriquez, in a dull bout that drew many whistles.

Canete Insfran, an Argentine southpaw with a very fast pair of hands and a lot of savvy, tossed too many punches for Chile's Claudio Barrientos, a good fighter in his own right, in taking the featherweight crown.

Pendola Silva, the Argentine lightweight with muscular legs, knocked out Puerto Rico's Gerardo Clemente with a picture left hook in 1:09 of the third round. That made it three straight kayos for the cool, hard-hitting and experienced Argentine.

Light Welterweight Juan Rivero Fernandez hit too hard, too fast and too often for Willie Morton of Kansas City and the U.S. Air Force, the All-Service Champion. Willie faded under the Argentine's solid, relentless thumping.

Dorando is an ardent admirer of Rocky Marciano and he patterned his style after the heavyweight champion's. He pulled a semi-final bout out of the fire with an overhand right a la Marciano and it was one of those that staggered Nigri Stringriani in the first.

Wright, a light middleweight who stands 6-1, finished strong to whip Venezuela's Raul Tovar in their final.

The fans cheered the U.S. again when Pitts followed with his kayo of Chile's Miguel Safatle Ali in the middleweight title scrap. Wright is 21, 6-3 and lean. Safatle Ali is 29, chubby and about 5-8. The Chilean made a hit with the fans in an earlier fight with his clowning style and punch. He hooks like Tony Galento and shifts like Jersey Joe Walcott. But he never had a chance against Wright.

Paul kept him off balance with stinging jabs that soon drew blood from Miguel's nose and mouth, wore him down with jabs, combinations and solid hooks to the body and head, and then knocked him cold in 2:29 of the third.

OBJECT TO U.S. OFFICIALS

When the light heavyweight final was announced between Argentina's Abelo Escalante Gonzalez and Brazil's Luis Ignacio, the Argentines asked for the removal of U.S. referee Frank Morris and U.S. Judge Earle Beebe of Los Angeles. Beebe had voted for Dorando over his Argentine opponent.

Morris, a New Yorker, stayed, but the Argentines won their point on Beebe, and he was replaced by a Mexican judge, Carlos Bettancourt Herrera. The Mexican voted for the Brazilian who won the decision in a hard fought, close battle. The referee does not vote. That chore is handled by the three judges.

The heavyweight finale between Argentina's Pablo Miteff Ochoa and Brazil's Waldemar Adao was a slugfest all the way. Both were staggered repeatedly in a battle of punchers. Miteff Ochoa won but you'll hear more about the Brazilian, too.

Beebe was burned up over his replacement. He had judged all of the preceding 43 fights.

"I was in the minority in only three of the other fights and one of them was the Jimmy Hornsby fight," said Beebe. "Hornsby won every round and I had him ahead by six points."

Beebe was 100 per cent right on the Hornsby scrap, too. That was the only real bad decision of the tournament, in our opinion. Hornsby, a 22-year-old airman from Los Angeles, won every round from Venezuela's Ricardo Cesar Orta, and almost knocked him out.

In addition, Beebe had voted against the U.S.A.'s Willie Morton in an earlier fight which was very, very close.

Besides the U.S. and Argentina, Chile, Venezuela and Brazil came up with some well-drilled boxers who showed plenty of promise. These countries will be heard from at Melbourne in 1956.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA ROUND-UP
By Clive Crowley

IN his first fight in many months, Stan Lotriet, 173¾, the South African light heavyweight champion, narrowly outpointed Mike Oberholzer, 172, in a twelve round title bout.

It is high time Potgieter's camp stopped pulling lowly-rated heavyweights out of semi-retirement to fight their protege. They claim they are choosing "stumble-bums" to fight him so that he can gain experience. Tell me, what experience does he gain from one or, at the outside, two rounds against the type of boxers he has been meeting? I fear he will go nowhere.

Roy Louw, 125½, punched too hard for Jackie O'Connor, 123¾, the No. 1 bantamweight contender, in a ten round bout for the vacant Cape Province featherweight title. Louw, who must now be rated a worthy challenger for the national featherweight title, dumped O'Connor three times in the sixth, when the referee halted the proceedings. He also was down in the fifth.

The former star amateur, Vic Bredenkamp, 166, flattened Tienie Viljoen, 168½, a consistent loser, in the first round of his initial paid appearance.

The tournament, the first professional show to be held in Paarl, drew a crowd of 10,000 to the Paarl Sportsground and was promoted by the Cape Town Sporting Club.

Willie Toweel, 124, the South African bantamweight and featherweight champion, easily outpointed Jean Bichot, 127, winning every one of the ten rounds. The Frenchman adopted negative tactics.

Toweel won well but he was not convincing. A hide-and-seek specialist like Bichot would make any fighter look bad, though.

The South African flyweight king, Gerry Jooste, 117¼, scored an impressive three round knockout over Marcus Temple, 116¼, former national flyweight title-holder, who retired about two years ago to devote more time to his studies.

Surviving a no-count knowdown in the opening seconds of his fight against Chris Van Rooyen, 158, the national welterweight kingpin, Benny Nieuwenhuizen, 143, went on to win a close, but decisive six round points decision.

Jimmy Elliott, 158, undefeated former South African middleweight champion, turned in yet another masterful performance in scoring a technical knockout over Howard Fraser, 161¼, a tough club fighter, in the fifth stanza.

A crowd of about 8,000 watched this White City Sporting Club promotion at Wembley Stadium, Johannesburg.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

DORTMUND—Not since HEIN TEN HOFF, ex-European and German heavyweight champion, fought JERSEY JOE WALCOTT at Mannheim in May 1950, have I seen him put so much into a fight as he did here at the Westfalen Halle where he was outpointed by the present holder of the title, HEINZ NEUHAUS (Dortmund) over ten bloody rounds. HOFF robbed his six and a half years younger opponent of victory in round two when he beat the count after being sent down to the canvas by a heavy right hand. Within the first two minutes both boxers were bleeding badly from cut eyebrows. HOFF appeared to be content to mix it with the European champion and in doing so ran into trouble. After a dramatic second heat HOFF boxed his man and it paid dividends. HOFF completely fought himself to a standstill in an effort to win this, their third meeting. They had previously drawn the first and HOFF lost his German title in the second in less than 80 seconds. NEUHAUS' victory was deserved for his youth, strength and heavy hitting had provided him with a clear cut points lead. MAX SCHMELING was the third man but only controlled the fight and did not score. This was done by BERGSTROM (Holland) and Germans LINKE and THOMSER.

EDDIE "POLLY" SMITH (Bermuda), now campaigning in Britain, pleased the 17,000 crowd at the Westfalen Halle with a delightful display of boxing and infighting against their brilliant WILLI BESMANHOFF (Berlin). It was a heavy affair of eight rounds and resulted in the only decision possible for such a contest, a draw.

MANFRED SCHNEIDER (Frankfurt) KO'ed KARL GROBER (Duisburg) in two heats. (Heavyweights.)

SIEGFRIED BURROW (Datteln) who will most likely be seen in American rings in the near future, outscored WALTER LEMBGEN (Forbach) over six threes. (Welters.)

SIMON AYANKIN (France) scored a kayo in two over BERNARD BONIKOWSKI (Dortmund). (Heavies.)

GUNTER NURNBERG (Hamburg) won points over BATTISTA ALFONSETTI (Italy) in a eight round contest. (Heavies.)

HANS STRETZ (Berlin) middle champion, KO'ed BRUNO TRIPODI (Italy's champion in five rounds). (Middleweights.)

Berlin. GUSTAV SCHOLZ (Berlin), undefeated as a professional, halted the Italian cruiser champion, IVANO FONTANA in five heats at Berlin's SPORTPALAST. The visitor was brilliant at first and looked as if he might give the German some trouble. However, by the fourth, the Berlin middleweight had brought about a swelling under FONTANA's left eye and was by now the master of the situation. A left hook to the chin ended the fight in heat five. BERGSTROEM (Holland) was in charge of the fight.

RUDI LANGER, Germany's feather champion, proved himself the star turn of the evening, this time with a classic, brilliant and pleasing display to outscore the prominent SERGE MILAN (Italy) in eight rounds. The 8,000 fans were delighted with their champion. This was his 75th fight with only ten defeats.

HORST NICHE (Berlin) remains undefeated in 13 pro bouts outscoring CHRISTIAN LUNAUD (France) over six rounds. They are li ht heavies.

MAX RESCH (Stuttgart), undefeated in 17 pro bouts, made this his 13th win inside the distance in halting SERGE LEVEQUE (France) the latter failing to come out fighting in round two. (Middles.)

AL MOBLEY (USA) was outpointed by HERBERT SOWA (Westfalen) over six rounds. (Middles.)

GUNTER HASE (Berlin) shared points with JEAN RUELLET (France) over six rounds. (Welters.)

Rotterdam—GERD MUELLER (Dusseldorf) lost on points to PIET van KLAVEREN (Holland) over ten rounds. (Lightweights.) EMIL KOCH (Wuppertal(lost on points to BEB van KLEVEREN (Holland) 47 years of age, over ten rounds. Both MUELLER and KOCH were considered unlucky not to receive the verdict.

KARL FRIEDRICH (Dusseldorf) outpointed Van de BERGH (Holland) in a light contest over eight rounds. HANS NESSEMANN (Fuldae) lost TKO 2 by a doubtful blow from NICO MOOS (Holland).

France—HELMUT HOEHMANN (Stuttgart) lost on points to JACQUES HERBILLON (France) over ten rounds. PETER WERNER (Remscheid) lost KOed 5 by CONNET (France). LEWANDOWSKI (Westfalen) was halted in three rounds by HAUTOIS (France).

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

BOBBY DYKES was in one of his rare forms when he won a 10 round unanimous decision over the former welterweight champion, Kid Gavilan before a Miami crowd of 4,577 fans and millions more over a televised network. By this victory, he gained revenge for a loss he suffered to Gavilan when they met in the same stadium several years ago. The Kid then was champion and Dykes sought to lift the crown from the Cuban's head. The story of Bobby's big victory could be told simply. He left-jabbed Gavilan at will and used a left hook and right uppercut to excellent advantage. Gavilan sought most to bring Bobby down with body punches but seldom could he reach the Miamian effectively. Referee Petey Sarron and Judges Sam Margolies and Mark Erwin saw the fight as their score indicated in this respective tab: 98-94, 99-93, 98-92. The Ring Magazine named Dykes for his win, its Number 10 middleweight.

Charlie Cotton, 149½, Toledo, stopped Honey Chile Johnson, 152¾, Philadelphia, in the fifth of a semi. Tommy Nee, 149¼, Hartford, stopped Al Farese, 151, Boston, in five. Calvin Davis, 151, New York City, whipped Andy Figary, 151, Puerto Rico, in six. Maurice Manning, 130, Canada, bested Mike Doer, 124, of Tampa, in a four.

Could it happen anywhere but in Miami? The above fight card had six bouts. Each bout had a new referee. Here they are: Herbert Stribling (Manning-Doer), Mike Kaplan (Speedy Davidson-Roger Seclare bout which was won by Davidson in a sixer and neglected in the write up), Billy Regan (Davis-Figaro, or Figary), Cy Gottfried (Nee-Farese), Eddie Coachman (Cotton-Johnson), and Petey Sarron (Dykes-Gavilan).

Gus Rubicini is the type of fighter who doesn't give up, regardless of the going. He didn't win from Bobby Dykes at Miami Beach, but he gave a good account of himself and the fans, 2,905 strong, couldn't have asked for more, unless a victory. Dykes looked nothing like the Dykes who whipped Gavilan, but Bobby won the decision. Judge Carl Gardner had Dykes in front, 99-94; Judge Gus Jacobson tabbed Dykes by 96-93, and Referee Eddie Coachman figured Dykes, 98-95. So Rubicini didn't do bad after all. The winner, from Miami, weighed 162, and the loser from Toronto and Miami, 160½. The crowd paid $6,927 to see the Chris Dundee headliner.

Bobby Lane, 166, Kannapolis, N. C., won an eight from Tom Tatum 171½, Miami. Jackie O'Brien, 145, Hartford, won from Reggie Martina, 140, Casta, Mexico, in another eight. Roger Seclare, 134½, Pittsburgh, revenged a previous loss to Speedy Davidson by beating the 128½ pound New Orleans boy in a return in six. Mike Doer, 126, Hartford, whipped Bunky Frazier, 130½, Washington, D. C., in four heats.

Julio Mederos handed Roland LaStarza the only clean cut knockout of Roland's career when they clashed in a headline attraction in Miami for Promoter Joe Schaefer. Mederos dropped the former heavyweight contender three times in the process of scoring one of the biggest upsets down these here parts. Roland was but a flash as he took a two-fisted bombardment from the Cuban. The winner weighed 195½, and the loser 189.

In three other star tenners, Gus Rubicini, 156¾, Miami and Toronto, edged Pedro Gonzales, 162¼, Rankin, Pa., with his good start and same type finish; Virgil Akins, 147¾, St. Louis, Mo., TKOed Johnny Brown, 149¼, Chicago, in the last heat, and Isaac Logart, 148, Havana, stopped Rocky Casillo, 150¾, Chicago, in the fifth, due to a cut eye. But Logart was way ahead at the time Dr. James McCormick ordered the fight to be stopped. The gate hit the $5,000 mark.

Willie Pastrano, another youngster from New Orleans whom you will be hearing much about in due time, left-jabbed his way to a 10 round victory over Tony Johnson, of New York City, in Promoter Chris Dundee's top tilt at Miami Beach. The Crescent City boxer won by an unanimous vote. He weighed 167½ against the loser's 173½. Johnson found Willie's head at times and got inside to build his points but Pastrano's left mitt was boss for the night. Willie is swinging heads of fans to his side. In other bouts: Joey Salcone, 131½, Warren, Ohio, threw low in three rounds and lost an eight semi to Tommy Bain, 128, Indianapolis. Bobby Bond, 131¼, Miami, TKOed Chico Malvonado, 133, New York City, in the fifth. Carlos Miguel, 140, Havana, stopped Whitey Harris, 149¼, Philadelphia, in the fourth. Andy Arel, 136, Philadelphia, whipped Reggie Martina, 141, of Huntington, W. Va., in a four.

Judging from the action between Miguel Diaz and Freddie "Babe" Herman at Miami Beach, a return play is in order. Diaz, who has been winning all his fights at the Beach, added one more but this time he had to hustle all the way to get a split decision. The attending 1,863 customers saw Herman dropped twice in the first round but they also saw him stage a fine comeback, though not quite enough to hand Diaz, of Havana, Cuba, his first loss down here. Diaz, at 146½, was 2¼ pounds heavier than the Los Angeles boy. Reggie Martina TKOed Jimmy Moulton in the first round by a cut eye. Tommy Bain, 127¾, scored in an eighter over Speedy Davidson, 128. Billy Gardner, 142, won a sixer from Andy Arel in a close bout, and Mario Marino in a good four rounder. Chris Dundee promoted the card at Miami Beach.

Bob Satterfield got all three votes in a 10 round headliner against Marty Marshall, of Detroit, but most of the large crowd, 2,981, paying $7,095, couldn't agree with the officials. They figured since Marshall, who had knocked out Satterfield in a previous engagement, scored with the most hits, that he was entitled to this one. To them Marshall was robbed and Satterfield lucky.

Marty scaled 180¼, and Bob, from Chicago, 181½. Billy Lauderdale, 161, Hialeah, TKOed Bid Nethers, 152, Zanesville, Ohio, in the sixth round of the semi. Lauderdale was leading at the time. He had opened a cut over Bid's left optic when his and Nethers' heads bumped accidentally. Tony (Eddie) Necro, 167¼, Miami, took a four from Billy Moreno, 169, Philadelphia; Johnny Dupres, 182½, Tampa, and Ken Hammer, 191, Detroit, came out all-even after six good rounds, and Gene Lewis, 162½, Miami, TKOed Alfred Neil, 161, Tampa, in round three.

We hope the following piece will be able to help Tony Poulis. Tony is an ex-fighter who now lives in the little, beautiful town of Eustis, Florida. Today, he is ill and unable to do much. But his many friends accumulated through the years can. All required is for them to drop Tony a line. Here is his address: Tony Poulis, PO Box 282, Eustis, Florida.

Tony came to U. S. in 1913 and did much boxing during the First World War. He held the lightweight championship while stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in 1918. Later when W. L. (Young) Stribling, of Macon, Ga., was gaining in reputation, Tony quit the pro ring to work with the Pride of the South, as his second. He was to second Strib in the Southerner's fight with Max Schmeling in Cleveland, but his illness prevented him.

Tony's son, George, a recent graduate of the University of Florida, is headed for overseas duty.

Eddie Compo, 135, New Haven, was above his fighting weight but it didn't seem to handicap his stamina in his 10 round mix at West Palm Beach with Chico Maldonado, 133, at West Palm Beach. Eddie scored over the New Yorker via the decision route.

Tony Celano, 137, Baltimore, and Rip Russell, 134½, Nashville, fought six rounds to a draw in the semi-final affair. Clean-cut knockouts resulted in three other matches. Stan Smith, 133, New Haven, kayoed Bobby Bond (130½, Miami, in round one. Billy Morgan, 134, Miami, did likewise to Carlos Miguel, 137, Havana, Cuba, in round two, and Maurice Man, 139, Montreal, dittoes over Paul Barnes, of West Palm Beach, in round three.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

THE Hudson club's boxing card was one of the best staged here in years. Ray Arcel, well known T-V fight impresario from New York, teamed up with Tommy Lippes of Buffalo to promote the program and, despite a near-blizzard, about 2,000 fans milled their way into Memorial auditorium for the six-bout card.

In the eight-round main event Jimmy Watkins, Buffalo, middleweight, was stopped in the fifth round by Pat Lowry after Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, examining physician for the State Athletic Commission, halted the battle. It was nip and tuck all the way until Watkins suffered a cut eye.

In the six-round semi-final, Buffalo's promising young middleweight, Mario Calandra, dropped a close decision to Buddy Jackson, the rising Springville 160-pounder. There was plenty of action in this one with Jackson getting the edge because of his aggressiveness.

Chick Johnson, the dean of Buffalo fight managers, died last month after a long illness. He was 79 years old. Johnson was active in the fight game for over 60 years. He started as a boxer himself and later switched to trainer when his brother, known as Kid Fredericks, started a climb up the lightweight ladder.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
by Lenny Myers

L. C. MORGAN, 139, lightweight of Youngstown, Ohio, scored his third straight Chicago victory by taking an eight round unanimous decision over Benny Meeks, 135½, former city Golden Gloves champion, at the Marigold Arena. Meeks' showing was considered surprisingly good because Morgan previously had knocked out Chuck Atkins, 1952 Olympic boxer, and Ron Stribling, of Cedar Rapids. It was Morgan's fifth victory in six professional bouts. Attendance was 694 and the gross receipts $904. Morgan's whip-like right cut Meek's lip in the second round but the Chicago fighter kept punching and had Morgan's right eye closed in the sixth round.

Marty Feldman, of Philadelphia stopped Earl Batie of Milwaukee in the first round of a scheduled four round event. Lloyd Triplett, Chicago middleweight belonging to Jack Cohen, pounded out a clean cut decision over Henry Hank, of Detroit, Michigan, in six fast rounds. Triplett improved with each bout. Lee Moore, local heavyweight who was sensational in last years Golden Glove tourney, took a four spot from James Garcia, of Youngstown, Ohio. George Boddie, 155, Dayton, Ohio, looked good in beating Johnny Neal, of Milwaukee in six hard fought rounds. Pete Washington, Chicago welter, scored a one round knockout over Andre Minoso, of Cuba.

Davey Moore, former National A. A. U. and Olympic titleholder has moved his training quarters to Detroit, Michigan, where he is in serious training for future bouts. In his last start, Moore knocked out Eddie Burgin for the Ohio state featherweight title, in the ninth round.

The postponed bout between Tommy Maddox, Chicago welterweight, and Virgil Akins, of St. Louis, took place at the Marigold Arena. Akins, a seasoned veteran who had previously beaten Luther Rawlnigs and Freddie Dawson, had no trouble with Maddox and knocked him out in the 4th round. Maddox needs more experience.

In other bouts, Norm Webb, Chicago welter stopped Bobby Brown, local townsman, in the 5th round. Joe Chibe, promising light-heavyweight, beat Ed Williams in a four spot.

Ken Hammer, of Detroit, beat Neil Welch, of Toledo, in a slam-bang five spot. They are heavyweights.

Al Jones, Chicago middleweight, won a four round decision over Evans Bufford.

The International Boxing Club put on a real skirmish which was televised nationally on March 23 with Al Andrews meeting Willie Pastrano. The 19 year old Pastrano battered Andrews for a surprising unanimous ten round decision. It was the ninth straight triumph for Pastrano.

It was apparent early in the first round that Andrews, the favorite and a game, rough scrapper, was on a one way street. Pastrano kept him off with fast left jabs, occasionally rocking his shorter opponent with a crackling right, and for most of the half hour of swinging, Andrews was pursuing a shadow. Several times the invader, making his first start north of the Mason-Dixon line, staggered the sturdy Andrews. Pastrano was substituted for Joey Giardello. It was the victor's 30th triumph in 36 bouts.

In other bouts on the card, Lloyd Triplett, Chicago middleweight, kept his string of victories going when he won an eight round duke over Joe Leudanski, in the semi-final. Triplett, an underdog, showed he can go with the better boys.

Irish Tom Hickey ran his unbeaten string to nine when he pounded out a six round decision over Charley Glover, of Cincinnati. They are middleweights. Louis Carr, Chicago, won over tough John Barnes, of Detroit, Michigan, in six fast rounds. Jerry Fowler, beat George James in a hard fought four spot in a welterweight affair. 1,850 fans paid a net of $4,931 to attend the bouts.

Irv Schoenwald brought in L. C. Morgan, of Youngstown, Ohio, once again and the sharpshooting youngster came away with a knockout victory. The victim this time was Carl Stafford, of Chicago. The end came in 2:58 of the fourth round at Marigold arena. Morgan dropped Stafford twice in the fourth for eight counts before finally putting him down for keeps. The Morgan-Stafford event drew 676 fans who paid a gross gate of $973. The victory was Morgan's seventh in eight pro starts.

In other bouts, Frank McGarry, 161, stopped Johnny Neal, 158, Milwaukee, in the 2nd of a sixer. Bob Swinbourne, 152, Chicago, beat John Apia, 152 in four heats. Willie Dillon, 135, and Donald Mason, 138 drew in a fast five spot. Pete Kawala, 130, Chicago, beat Sam Bombiani, 131, Dayton, Ohio, in six rounds.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

A CROWD numbering 10,003 fight hungry fans paid $45,604 to see Peter Mueller of Cologne, Germany, get knocked out in 29 seconds of the second round by Joey Giardello of Philadelphia. Mueller out matched in height and reach, fighting with head up, offered his chin as a perfect target for Joey's potent right which flattened him just before the bell ended the first round. He came out groggy for the 2nd round and was stiffened with the first right Giardello targeted on his chin. Weights, Giardello, 158½, Mueller 156.

Mueller's sudden demise was also a blow to promoter Phil Valley who had him under contract. In his two bouts here he grossed $72,604 with a 19,153 attendance.

Dave Ragus, 214½, Milwaukee, scored one round technical knockout over Jack Nelson, 193, Salt Lake City.

Wilbur Dilley, 177½, Milwaukee, defeated Ron Whittle, 175¾, West Jordan, Utah, six rounds.

Norman Johnson, 138, Milwaukee, stopped Clarence Wooten, 132¼, Cincinnati, third.

Charles Glover, 154¾, Cincinnati, outpointed Leroy Cooper, 162½, Chicago, (6).

Gale Kerwin, 137½, New York, defeated Harry Clay, 140, Philadelphia, (6).

La Crosse, Wis.—Promoter Walter Zielke's son, Mickey, 140, lost a close decision to Wilbur Robinson, 136½, in the 8 round main event of a five bout card. In the six round semi windup James Perrault, 153, beat Abe Cruz, 153. Don Jasper, 195 ko'd James Peace, 190 in 2 rounds. James Lewis, 139, also scored a 2 round knockout over Kid Roosevelt, 144 lbs. Robert Swinbourne, 148½, decisioned Dave Holum, 143 in 4.

Joey Sangor, a former featherweight boxer, now a druggist as well as a boxing commissioner, was elected chairman at the State Athletic Commissions regular monthly meeting. The honor rotates each year among the five members.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

SIOUX CITY'S fighting twins, Gale and Gayus Outhouse, who live across the big Mo in South Sioux City, Nebr., have headed for the West Coast and will reside near Los Angeles. Gale, the former national 126 pound champion had several fights recently on the coast but was sidelined by a slight jaw fracture. He reports he is ready to go again. He is under the management of Mickey Slater, former Sioux City featherweight star. Gayus was trainer of the South Sioux City Golden Gloves team in the recent Sioux City Journal-Tribune tourney. He received a "coach" of the year award for his excellent work.

The Siouxland Exhibition Co., has taken over the promotion of wrestling in the Sioux City auditorium. Present plans call for several major outdoor wrestling cards during the summer months at the Soos Western League Baseball Park. The Siouxland Exhibition Co., is also manager of the Sioux City Western League Ball Club. Out-door boxing is also under consideration.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Murray Mclean, St. Paul boxing manager is seeking talent for four and six round bouts in that area. . . . Mail will reach Murray at 1742 Margaret St., St. Paul, Minn. . . . Sailor Burke, veteran Sioux City boxing manager, promoter and trainer is lining up a large stable of fighters. . . . Ed "Strangler" Lewis, former world's heavyweight wrestling champion, was in town. Lewis attracted a crowd wherever he went and was besieged with radio and TV interviews. Lewis is manager of Lou Thesz, present heavyweight mat king who made a tour of this area meeting all comers. . . .

BOXING IN THE CAROLINAS
by Chris Cline

WITH the coming of summer, boxing will be on the up beat in the Carolinas with clubs running in Charlotte, Landis, Durham, Gastonia, and Aiken, North Carolina, as well as Spartanburg, Columbia, and Greenville, S. C.

Billy Short, undefeated Charlotte featherweight who was sidelined with a leg injury, is back in action and kayoed Dave Lockerbey recently.

Kenneth Vincent promoted a show at Durham last month. In the featured bout Bud Bell, 158, Detroit, kayoed Willie Davis, 153, New Orleans, in 1:16 of the seventh round. It was a fast interesting scrap up until the finish.

Benny Deaton, 157, Durham, staged a strong finish to edge out Carl Dart, 157, Greensboro, in a fast six round semi-final. Tommy Barnhardt, Danville, N. C., stopped Johnny Jenkins of Wilton, N. C., in 1:05 of the third, and Willie Brown of New Orleans won over Jimmy "The Kid" of Youngstown, in the opening four.

A crowd of better than 500 fans turned out for this show, the best turnout to date, and from now on Durham will run on a regular schedule.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

BOISE, Idaho—Venciente Echevarria, the welterweight champ from Spain, weighing 146, wanted to fight in the worst way but was always tied up with his Indian friend's arms. Echevarria got the nod from all of the judges.

In the semi, the war was on between Mickey Rhodes and Willie Stevens from Reno. Rhodes, the Boise middle was promptly dropped for the 8-count in the first round. Mickey went down twice more in the third, but bounced back and dropped Stevens with a good right hand and would have had him cold, but the bell saved him when the count was up to nine. After this flurry, Stevens got on the run. In the eighth, Stevens went horizontal again for eight. From then on all that was on his mind was to stay till the end of the 10th and final round, which he did but dropped the decision to Rhodes. Stevens weighed 160 and Rhodes, the lighter, 156.

In a 6-rounder, Bobby Doll of Boise and Louie King from Reno put on a rapid affair with King doing all the fighting for just 1:54 of the first. Doll was caught on the ropes and was down and out. Doll tipped the scales at 136 and King at 140.

Blaine Davis, 140, Boise, dropped a four round decision to Pat Padfield another 140 pounder from Boise.

MONTREAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Mike Davey

ONE of the best fights of the year and one which had the fans shouting to the rafters of the Mount St. Louis Auditorium was the ten rounder between Bobby Courchesne, 127½ ,of Holyoke, Mass., and Pat Marcune, 129, of Brooklyn on March 21.

Courchesne, who has built up quite a following here, was awarded the decision making this his ninth straight victory, the last five being fought here. The verdict was unanimous, but close, my card showed Bobby ahead, 5-3 and 2 even.

In supporting bouts, big Jerry Buchanan, Montreal's new heavy hopeful, got his pro career off to a galloping start by knocking out Frank Morasco of Buffalo at 2:26 in the second round. Buchanan weighed 197½ and Morasco, 189½.

In the opener Montreal's Gerry Simpson, 121½, stoped Young St. George, 123, Holyoke, in the seventh of their scheduled eight rounder. Barry Allison, 149½, Holyoke, stopped Benny Washington, 145½, New York, on a TKO in the fourth of another eight rounder. Gaspard Bouchard, 135½, Montreal, and Rocky Beauregard, 136½, Holyoke, drew in four rounds.

On March 7th at Mount St. Louis, Reggie Chartrand of Montreal, weighing in at 153½, won a split decision over Jimmy Watkins, 151, of Buffalo, in the ten round main event. Judges John Gow and Jim Regan both favored Chartrand, Gow voting 6-2-2 and Regan, 4-3-3. Dr. L. O. Geoffrion, the other officials, saw it in Watkins favor giving him six rounds and Chartrand four.

In the eight round semi-final go, Gabby Paliotti, 123½, of Montreal, scored his 13th victory in 15 starts as a pro by decisioning Charley DeBow, 121½, of Brooklyn. Marcel Piau, 158, of Windsor Mills, Quebec, decisioned Vern Stevenson, 161, Montreal, in a six rounder.

In another six rounder, Frank Bolla, 173½, of Montreal, scored a fourth round TKO over Paul Notar, 171½, also of Montreal. Butch Bousquet, 158¼, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and Bob Croxton, 160½, Montreal, fought to a draw in six.

NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Joe Quinn, Belfast, 127½, holder of the Northern Ireland featherweight crown, rallied splendidly in the later rounds to outpoint Chic Brogan, Glasgow, 125, over eight interesting rounds.

Jackie Sowah, Gold Coast, 131, won a close points decision over Pat McCoy, Galway, 130, after eight fast rounds. . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 143½, made a winning professional debut by outpointing Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 145, over six rounds. . . . Neville Rowe, Preston, 177, knocked out Colin Strauch, South Africa, 184, in the first round. . . . Joe Orell, Bolton, 127, outpointed Johnny Barr, Stockport, 124, over four rounds.

BLACKPOOL. Attu Clottey, Gold Coast, 147½, stopped Ken Regan, Blackpool, 144, in the sixth round, the referee intervening after Regan had taken heavy punishment. . . . Jack Walton, Leeds, 129, outpointed Mickey O'Keefe, St. Helens, 127, over six. . . . Billy Nelson, Lancashire, 136, outpointed Eddie Monahan, Southport, 134, over four rounds. . . . Owen Feathers, Accrington, 150, stopped Hal Smith, St. Helens, 154, in the second. . . . George Pashby, Oswestry, 136, knocked out Ron Bernard, Carlisle, 140, in the first round.

BELFAST. Paddy Graham, Belfast, 133¼, narrowly outpointed Al Sharpe, Belfast, 134½, over ten rounds in the final eliminator for the Northern Ireland lightweight championship.

Dennis Hunter, Belfast, 110¾, knocked out Benny Vaun, Belfast, 117, in the fourth. . . . Gerry McManus, Belfast, 157, knocked out Billy McKee, Bangor, 164¾, in the second. . . . Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 135½, knocked out Eddie Bamber, Belfast, 134¾, in the first. . . . Dave Walsh, Belfast, 129, stopped Arty Moran, Belfast, 126, in the first.

CARDIFF. Jake Tuli, South Africa, knocked out Emile Delplanque, Belgian flyweight champion, in the second of a scheduled ten rounds contest. Delplanque was sent clean through the ropes and was unable to re-enter the ring before the count was finished. After the bout it was seen that the Belgian had damaged his left leg and had to be carried to his dressing room. . . . Denny Dawson, Sheffield, clearly outpointed Ritchie Jenkins, Pontypool, over eight rounds. . . . Dick Richardson, Newport, stopped Sid Cain, Watford, in the third of a scheduled six rounds heavyweight contest. . . . Eddie Williams, Tredegar, stopped Ray Alway, Halifax, in the fourth. . . . Noel Trigg, Newport, stopped Ken Gardner, Newport, in the second.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. Jimmy McLachlan, Hackney, 137½, outpointed Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 138½, over six. . . . Tommy Cardew, Holloway, 126, won over Bertie Giles, Linton, 126, after six hard-hitting rounds. . . . Tommy O'Connor, Dagenham, 162, won from Jackie Hughes, Belfast, 162½, the latter being disqualified in the third for an alleged low blow. . . . Tommy Organ, Bethnal Green, 147, stopped Morrie White, Dartford, 142, in the third. . . . Albert Stokes, Battersea, 126, won over Don Cosbirel, Alderney, 120½, after six rounds. . . . Denny Dennis, Plumstead, 130, knocked out Ron Eagles, Evesham, 130½, in the third.

TORQUAY. Paul King, Torquay, 149, stopped Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 149, in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Ted Morgan, Worcester, 178, knocked out Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 176, in the first. . . . Mick Handley, Southampton, 162½, outpointed Don Stocker, Torquay, 174½, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Mudge, Torquay, 159, knocked out Dick Dewhurst, Portsmouth, 161, in the third. . . . Rex Green, St. Austell, outpointed Johnny Board, Taunton, over six.

WEMBLEY. Terry Gooding, Cardiff, 171¾, kept his unbeaten record intact when outpointing Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 175, over eight rounds.

Tony Dove, Battersea, 173½, lost narrowly to Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 171, over six rounds. . . . Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 134½, won easily from Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 136, over six rounds. . . . Billy Kiernan, Shepherds Bush, 144½, won over Cliff Lawrence, Roterham, 146½, over six. . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 133½, and Jim Corbett, Feltham, 143½, fought hard for four rounds before Corbett began to weaken, and the referee called a halt in Murphy's favor. . . . Don Williams, Southall, 157½, outpointed Syd Reardon, Kilburn, 163½, over six rounds.

LEICESTER. Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 193, outpointed Joe Crickmar, Stepney, 182, over eight rounds. . . . Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 174½, outpointed Ken Rowlands, Luton, 172, over eight rounds. . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 143½, outpointed Roy Baird, Birmingham, 145½, over eight rounds. . . . Eddie Moran, Leeds, 128, won from George Clay, Nottingham, 129, over six rounds. . . . Denny Ball, Bedford, 208, outpointed Bob Gardner, Market Harborough, 194½, over six. . . . Harry Harvey, Leicester, 167, lost narrowly to Ken Lavender, Whittlesey, 166, over six rounds. . . . Joe Lynas, Coventry, 162½, outpointed Jack Cofie, Gold Coast, 160, over six rounds.

WALWORTH. Johnny Read, Norwood, 161½, stopped Jackie Braddock, Manchester, 160, in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder. Freddie Reardon, Downham, 129, outpointed Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 128½, over eight. . . . Jimmy Matcham, Folkestone, 149½, outpointed Tony Warrington, Haywards Heath, 151, over six. . . . Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 121½, outpointed Ernie Savery, Dunstable, 117½, over six. . . . Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 155½, knocked out Mickey Shade, Croydon, 157½, in the second.

MANCHESTER. Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 158¼, knocked out Emile Delmine, Belgium, 159, in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder. Les Allen, Bedworth, 161¼, outpointed Gordon Hazell, Bristol, 162, over ten rounds. . . . Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 158¼, stopped Ron Duncombe, Jersey, 162, in the eighth session, the referee intervening when Duncombe was in a bad way. . . . Alby Tissong, South Africa, 139¼, stopped Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 134, at the end of the third round. . . . Jackie Butler, Preston, 136½, outpointed Vince Marshall, Manchester, 136, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny Miller, North Shields, 135½, outpunched Brian Jelley, Manchester, 136½, the referee stopping the bout in the sixth.

BOURNEMOUTH. Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 125, came back into the featherweight championship picture in a sensational manner, when he won the vacant Southern Area Featherweight crown by knocking out Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 125¾, in 90 seconds of the first round.

Santos Martins, Nigeria, 148, won comfortably over Peter Smith, Huddersfield 148, over eight rounds. . . . Cyril Evans, Melwyn, 133½, knocked out Roy Coles, Weston-super-Mare, 133¾, in the second. . . . Derek John, Catford, 134½, outpointed Mike Hughes, Bournemouth, 135, over six. . . . Teddy Thompson, Yeovil, 163, outpointed Stan Hooker, Bournemouth, 160, over six. . . . Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 140½, outpointed Roy Mann, Gold Coast, 135, over six rounds. . . . Oven Randall, Swindon, 144, outpointed Terry Thompson, Bournemouth, 142, over six rounds.

EARLS COURT. Dai Dower, British and Empire flyweight champion, 111, won the European flyweight title when he outpointed the holder, Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy, 111¾, over fifteen rounds. Gianelli, who fought a retreating battle was well outpointed by the Welshman, but for the spectator the contest suffered because of the dull repetitious pattern of each and every round. Dower, who won with the proverbial mile to spare, revealed that he has yet to become the polished and complete champion.

Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, 170¼, outpointed Arthur Howard, Islington, 173, over ten hard rounds. . . . Randolph Turpin, Leamington, 171¾, won his second comeback contest when he knocked out Jose Gonzalez, heavyweight champion of Spain, 173½, in the seventh round, but was only a shadow of the great fighter of a few years ago. . . . Ron Barton, West Ham, 172½, won over Don Ellis, USA, 173, the referee halting the bout in the seventh when Ellis was too far behind on points to be able to win. In our humble opinion the referee was a little precipitate in his action, although Barton indeed had the bout well in hand. . . . Terrence Murphy, Canning Town, 161, outpointed Ralph Scott, Barbadoes, 160½, over ten rounds in what proved to be the best fight of the night. . . . Pat McCoy, Galway, 133, stopped Chic Brogan, Glasgow, 125, in the fourth.

BRISTOL. Attu Clottey, Gold Coast, 147½, well outpointed Peter King, Manchester, 149½, over eight rounds. . . . Jakey Sowah, Gold Coast, 130¼, knocked out Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 128¼, in the third round. . . . Peter Cobblah, Nigeria, 141½, outpointed Johnny Spittles, Doncaster, 141½, over six. . . . Mick Endlye, Southampton, 161¾, stopped Johnny Mudge, Torquay, 160¼, in the fifth. . . . Len Grainger, Bristol, 133½, outpointed Vince Cottrell, Bristol, 137½, over six rounds. . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, knocked out Dave Williams, Weston, in the second.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM. One of the most exciting middleweight contests for some time was that between Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 161¾, and Andre de Keersgieter, Belgium, 159, who were matched for eight rounds. In the first, Ellaway, known as a hard puncher, threw everything at the tough Belgian, and in the second session, had de Keersgieter down for two long counts. The end seemed in sight, but we had not reckoned with the recuperative powers of the Belgian, for just before the bell sounded the end of the second round he caught Ellaway with a beautiful short left hook, and the local lad went down as though poleaxed. He could never have beaten the count had the bell not come to his rescue, but it seemed as though the minute's rest had allowed him to recover, for he bounded from

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To April 10, 1955)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Don Cockell (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Earl Walls (C)	Randy Turpin (E)	Pat McAteer (E)	Hector Constance (T)
3. James J. Parker (C)	Alex Buxton (E)	Les Allen (E)	Wally Thom (E)
4. Johnny Williams (E)	Ed Polly Smith (B)	Terrence Murphy (E)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
5. Jack Gardner (E)	Ron Barton (E)	Gordon Hazell (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
6. Ansel Adams (T)	Johnny Halafihi (Tonga)	Charley Chase (C)	Peter Waterman (E)
7. Kitione Lave (Tonga)	Albert Finch (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Peter King (E)
8. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Arthur Howard (E)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	George Happe (E)
9. Ken Brady (A)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Albert Carroll (E)
10. Allan Williams (A)	Chub Keith (NZ)	Willie Armstrong (S)	Sandy Manuel (WA)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Richie Howard (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Pat Ford (A)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3. Johnny v. Rensberg (SA)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Willie Toweel (SA)	Eric Marsden (E)
	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Ola Enoch (WA)	Dave Robins (E)
4. Armand Savoie (C)	Roy Ankrah (WA)	Mannie Francis (WA)	Eddie O'Connor (I)
5. Joe Lucy (E)	Teddy Peckham (E)	George O'Neill (I)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
6. Frank Johnson (E)	Charley Hill (S)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Frank Bennett (A)
7. Alby Tissong (SA)	Sammy Bonnici (E)	Eddie Carson (S)	Vince Blake (A)
8. Al Brown (BG)	Charley Tucker (E)	Colin Barber (E)	Jerry Jooste (SA)
9. Jackie Butler (E)	David Gogotya (WA)	Kevin James (A)	Taffy Hancock (A)
10. Vince Marshall (E)			

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa; (TO) Tonga.

his corner full of life and threw punches at the Belgian from all angles, but suddenly de Keersgieter threw another of those vicious left hooks, and this time it was curtains for the Liverpudlian as the fatal 'out' was tolled over him.

Allan Tanner, British Guiana, 136½, outpointed Syd Greb, Liverpool, 136½, over eight rounds. . . . Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 142, and Bobbie Gill, Birkenhead, 142, drew over six rounds. . . . Percy James, Southport, 126, outpointed Nyoka Ankarah, Gold Coast, 128, over six rounds. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 129, stopped Mickey O'Keefe, St. Helens, 125, in the third.

WILLENHALL. Jimmy Black, Trinidad, 126, outpointed Tommy Icke, Birmingham, 125, over eight rounds. . . . Teddy Barrow, Swansea, 145½, outpointed Ken Ashwood, Derby, 148, over eight. . . . Terry Bannon, Merthyr, 154, outpointed Willie Carr, Stockport, 147¾, over four rounds. . . . Ken Jones, Stourbridge, 123, and Johnny Barr, Stockport, 123, fought hard for four rounds before Barr took a points decision. . . . Jackie Hudson, Sheffield, 139, and George Spence, York, 138, drew over six rounds. . . . Peter Aldridge, Doncaster, 179, knocked out Ray Evans, Birmingham, 192, in the first round.

BELFAST. Gerry Smyth, Belfast, 140, Northern Ireland's lightweight champion, stopped Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 138½, in the sixth. . . . Eddie Moran, Leeds, 124½, stopped Pat Marley, Belfast, 127, in the third. . . . Jim Fisher, Belfast, 131¾, stopped Jim O'Brien, Belfast, 135, in the fourth. . . . Bob Burns, Islandmagee, 170, took a rugged eight rounds points win from Bob Gillespie, Belfast, 163½, while Harry Hunter, Belfast, 123½, outpointed Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 129, over six rounds.

BLACKPOOL. Bill Connor, St. Helens, 136, stopped Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 139, in the sixth. . . . Eddie Williams, 172½, lost to Neville Rowe, Blackpool, 175½, the referee halting the bout in the fourth. . . . Owen Feathers, Accrington, 150, outpointed Tommy Barnabas, Holywell, 151, over four rounds. . . . Alf Cottam, Preston, 130, outpointed Jack Walton, Leeds, 129, over six rounds. . . . Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 144½, won over Andy Lambert, Manchester, 142, the latter being disqualified in the third for alleged misuse of the head.

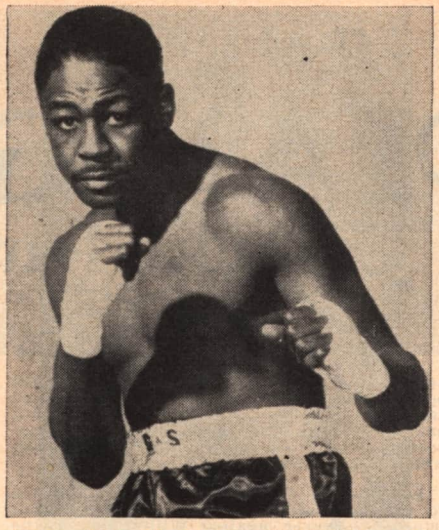
NEWTOWN. Johnny Williams, Rugby, 198, ex-heavyweight champion of Great Britain, knocked out Henry Quentenmeyer, Dutch heavyweight champion, 197, in the second round. . . . Emrys Jones, Trefonen, 138, lost on points to Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 139, over eight rounds. . . . Ken Barley, Birmingham, 143½, outpointed Tex Williams, Carlisle, 143½, over six. . . . Bill Wooding, Birmingham, 144, outpointed John King, Belfast, 145, over eight. . . . Johnny King, Birmingham, 138, knocked out Johnny Ritchie, Rhyl, 138, in the first.

EPSOM. Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 145½, was a clear points winner over Norman Saunders, Croydon, 146, over eight rounds. . . . Dennis Read, Norwood, 151½, won closely from Ron Kensington, Tooting, 153, over eight. . . . Malcolm Ames, Croydon, and Jimmy Black, Trinidad, 130, drew over eight. . . . Don Williams, Southall, 159, outpointed Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 156, over six rounds. . . . Ernie Savery, Dunstable, 120, outpointed Don Coshirel, Harrow, 123, over four rounds. . . . Freddie Balio, Gold Coast, 160, outpointed Roy Shaffren, Hayes, 162½, over six rounds.

GREAY YARMOUTH. Paul King, Torquay, 147½, outpointed Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 143½, over eight fierce rounds. . . . Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 162½, outpointed Len Jarvis, Norwich, 159, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Pipe, Beecles, 146, and Morrie White, Dartford, 141, drew over six rounds. . . . Reg Fisher, Leyton, 144, stopped Terry Bellamy, West Ham, 144, in the fourth. . . . Jackie Hughes, Belfast, 161, outpointed Syd Reardon, Fulham, 162, over six rounds. . . . Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 136, outpointed Mike Hughes, Netheravon, 138, over six rounds.

STREATHAM. Making his first appearance in London since winning the British featherweight crown, Billy Kelly, Derry, had an easy points victory when defeating Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, over ten rounds. Kelly gave a cool exhibition of ringcraft and his superiority revealed itself early enough for him to build up a commanding lead as the bout continued.

Wally Thom, British and European welterweight champion, 154, was unfortunate in losing to Jimmy King, USA, 151¾, when after leading all the way, the referee called a halt in the sixth session as Thom had suffered a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 146¾, outpointed Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 144¼, over eight fast rounds. . . . Johnny Read, Norwood, 160½, outscored Ralph Scott, Barbadoes, 159½, over eight. . . . Eddie Hearn, Battersea, 197½, knocked out



Jimmy King, American middleweight campaigning in Europe for the last four years, halted Wally Thom, British and European welterweight champion in the sixth round when Thom suffered a badly gashed eyebrow.

Fred 'Nosher' Powell, Walworth, in the tenth and last round. . . . Dick Richardson, Newport, 198½, stopped Jim Cooper, Bellingham, 195½, in the second, when Cooper received a bad cut over the left eye.

LIVERPOOL. Alby Tissong, South Africa, 135½, punched too hard for Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 135¾, and knocked out the latter in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Gerry McStracick, Belfast, 149¾, was stopped in the third session by Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 151. . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 144½, stopped Cliff Lawrence, Doncaster, 145, in the fifth. . . . Mick Doherty, Dublin, 161, outpointed Harry Harvey, Leicester, 164, over six rounds. . . . Ricky Simmonds, Birkenhead, 138, stopped George Pashby, Oswestry, 137, in the fourth.

BLACKPOOL. Allan Tanner, British Guiana, 137, outpointed Al Sharpe, Belfast, 137, over eight rounds. . . . Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 140, took three long counts in the first round of his bout with Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 136, and the referee intervened, awarding the bout to Phillips. . . . Joe Ritchie, Newcastle, 137, stopped Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 138, in the first round. . . . Frank Sayers, Newcastle, 123, and Jackie Tiller, Oldham, 122, drew over four rounds. . . . Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 141, outpointed Bob Batey, Newcastle, 146, over four rounds.

BELFAST. Sammy Hamilton, Belfast, 148½, was forced to retire in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder with Charlie Currie, Coatbridge, 148¼, when he suffered a badly cut mouth. . . . Garnett Denny, Belfast, 185, outpointed Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 176½, over eight. . . . Joe Collins, Lisburn, 150½, outpointed Tommy Tucker Connolly, Belfast, 151½, over four rounds. . . . Dennis Hunter, Belfast, 108, outpointed Jim Loughrey, Derry, 114½, over six. . . . Billy Armstrong, Belfast, 127, stopped Joe Royston, Derry, 121, in the fifth.

SPALDING. Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 134, outpointed Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 134, over eight rounds. . . . Ken Lavender, Whittlesey, 166, lost narrowly to Jackson Cofie, Gold Coast, 163, over six rounds. . . . Albert Stokes, Battersea, 129, stopped Tony Russell, Leeds, 129, in the fifth. . . . Ken Burt, Doncaster, 171, stopped Colin Ainsworth, Derby, 167, in the fourth. . . . Peter Reid, Ely, 124, outpointed Bertie Giles, Linton, 125, over six rounds.

PRESTON. British and Empire middleweight champion Johnny Sullivan, Preston, was fortunate in being adjudged the winner on points over Abe Quartey, Gold Coast, after eight interesting rounds.

Jackie Butler, Preston, 137½, outpointed Andy Monahan, Southport, 136, over eight rounds. . . . Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 144½, notched a six rounds points win over Stan Barnett, Carlisle, 146. . . . Percy James, Southport, 130, knocked out Alf Cottam, Preston, 130, in the first. . . . Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 147, outpointed Brian Pethwerwick, Preston, 143½, over four rounds.

WATFORD. Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 164, outpointed Alex Gurton, Blackmore, 163, over eight rounds. . . . Ken Rowlands, Luton, 171¾, and Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 180, drew over eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Matcham, Folkestone, 150, stopped Duggie Moore, Finedon, 145½, in the sixth. . . . Del Breen, Croydon, 163, stopped Mickey Shade, Croydon, 154½, in the third. . . . Fred Jackson, Haslingfield, 157, outpointed Freddie Balio, West Africa, 159, over six rounds. . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 132½, stopped Ken Lewis, Jamaica, 137, in the fifth.

BIRMINGHAM. Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 192½, outpointed Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 194½, over ten rounds. . . . Frank Johnson, Manchester, 136½, outpointed Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 135½, over eight rounds. . . . Terry Gooding, Cardiff, 173½, took an eight rounds points verdict from Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 171. . . . Mickey Roche, Belfast, 119¾, outpointed Colin Barber, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 119, in a lively eight rounder. . . . Terry McDonald, Cudworth, 199, outpointed Denny Ball, Watford, 210, over six. . . . Jackie Hudson, Sheffield, 142, knocked out Johnny Spittle, Leeds, 141½, in the first. . . . Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 178, stopped Peter Aldridge, Doncaster, 179, in the second.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL. Ron Barton, West Ham, 173¾, kept his unbeaten record intact when he knocked out Ramon Martinez, Spain, 175¾, in the second of a scheduled ten rounder. Barton punched hard and unmercifully and soon reduced the Spaniard to a helpless hulk.

Dave Charnley, Dartford, 129¾, boxed well against Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 130¼, and was leading on points when Dawson was disqualified for alleged "butting" in the seventh of an eight rounder. . . . Brian London, Blackpool, 192, stopped Dennis Lockton, Manchester, 186¼, in the first of a scheduled six rounds bout. The referee intervened after Lockton had taken three counts. . . . Eddie Wright, Mile End, 175, outpointed Jack London, Blackpool, 172¼, over six rounds. . . . Hogan Bassey, Nigeria, 124, knocked out Marcel Ranvial, France, 126¾, in the fifth of a scheduled ten rounder. Bassey was always superior to the Frenchman who took several long counts before being put away for keeps in the fifth. . . . Peter Waterman, Clapham, 147¾, stopped Paul King, Torquay, 147, in the fourth. . . . Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 156, seemed lucky to get the decision over Sharkey-Lewis, Jamaica, 161¾, in a bustling eight rounder.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. George Clay, Nottingham, stopped Denny Dennis, Plumstead, 127, in the third, when Dennis received a gashed eyebrow. . . . Derek John, Catford, 134½, and Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 134½, drew over six. . . . Vic Glen, Stepney, 108, knocked out Bobby Robinson, Glasgow, 109, in the fourth. . . . Ernie Savery, Dunstable, 119¾, outscored John Coshirel, Alderney, 118¾, over six. . . . Ray Harris, Nottingham, 132, outpointed Joey Walker, Islington, 133½, over six. . . . Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 158¼, outpointed Syd Reardon, Fulham, 163, over six. . . . Teddy Gee, Chelsea, 161¼, outpointed Harry Harvey, Leicester, 163½, over six.

GLASGOW. Johnny Smillie, Fauldhouse, 119¾, knocked out Benny Vaun, Belfast, 120, in the first of a six rounder. . . . Jim McGuiness, Wishaw, 139, knocked out Jim O'Brien, Belfast, 140, in the fourth. . . . Jim Cresswell, Glasgow, 118, knocked out Harry Friel, Belfast, 120½, in the third. . . . Jim Stratton, Glasgow, 137¾, stopped Harry Sandford, Belfast, 138, in the first round. . . . Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, 126¼, knocked out Dave Welsh, Belfast, 126, in the second round. . . . Dick Knox, Motherwell, 137, outpointed Jim Feeney, Belfast, 133, over six.

WEMBLEY. Les Morgan, Acton, 147, stopped Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 148¼, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Alan Sillett, Acton, 117¼, was a clear points winner over George Connors, Islington, 117½, over six. . . . Tony Warrington, Haywards Heath, 151, and Jimmy Matcham, Folkestone, 147, drew over six rounds. . . . Billy Kiernan, Shepherds Bush, 143¾, won over Tommy Bleaks, Coventry, 144, over six. . . . Don Williams, Southall, 156½, notched a points win over Ron Popely, Rotherhithe, 162½, over six. . . . Derek Davis, Camberwell, 147, stopped Duggie Moore, Finedon, 146½, in the second round when Moore's eyebrow was badly cut.

LIVERPOOL. Vince Marshall, Manchester, 136, brought off a big surprise when he outpointed Alby Tissong, South Africa, 135½, over eight rounds. . . . Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 136, was stopped in the second round by Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 138. . . . Owen Feathers, Accrington, 150, stopped Tommy Barnabas, Holywell, 151, in the first. . . . Johnny Barr, Stockport, 127½, outpointed Joe Orell, Bolton, 126½, over four rounds. . . . Frank Sayers, Newcastle, 124, smartly outpointed Jackie Tiller, Oldham, 121¼, over four rounds.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

The three big German shows cornered chief attention on the Continent and each one proved a humdinger. Willi Hoepner at last achieved his ambition by wresting the European cruiser title from the holder, Gerhard Hecht. Gustav Scholz remained unbeaten, icing Ivano Fontana in a catchweight affair and on the third program Heinz Neuhaus slugged it out with Hein ten Hoff to confirm his command of Europe's heavies. French rings were very active around the provinces but the star men took a breather whilst in Italy; Loi, Cavicchi, Mitri and the rest were all in action. Gianelli visited Britain and returned to Italy minus his European flyweight bauble and Ramon Martinez was iced by Ron Barton. Now back to the details of our Continental programs.

Oran, Algeria—José Hernandez, doubtless jealous of the reputation earned by Galiana abroad (he has already beaten Fierce Fred), crossed the Mediterranean to do battle with Lucien Meraint, who once lasted six rounds with Galiana. Hernandez finished the job in two rounds, with a shattering right to the chin.

St. Brieuc, France—Francis Coeuret returned to action with a victory over Jacques Lebègue, whom he cleaned up in the seventh of a heavyweight affair.

At Chateauroux, Mickey Laurent retrieved some lost ground by getting the better of Gilbert Lavoine, now campaigning in the middleweight ranks. It was a close affair which went the scheduled ten rounds.

At Asnières, the two Prigent brothers were in top form. Jacques rid himself of Robert Di Mayo in the fourth stanza of a welter slam and Roger, a lightweight, creased Claude Richard in the same distance.

Liège, Belgium—This city, which is now Belgium's leading fight center, was treated to another demonstration of skill by the almost forgotten feathers star, Jean Sneyers. The "Angel of the Ring" appeared to have lost much of his speed but has apparently developed hitting power and frequently had his foe, André Younsi of France, in trouble. Sneyers got the nod after ten rounds.

Less well received was the decision which gave Kid Dussart victory over Bruno Marostegan, the rugged French welter, after ten very close rounds. A draw verdict would have better suited the run of battle. Jean Rénard stopped Jacques Lesseine in the fourth of a bantam slam and Pierre Wouters had his unbeaten record tarnished by the dour French welter, Jean Ruellet, in a good ten-rounder.

Luxembourg—Werner Wiegand came back to the fighting-line after a layoff, did not impress, however, against Willi Fanzlau, the German veteran, who looked good enough to get a draw against the tall blonde. But the nod went to big Werner after eight rounds. Ray Schmit boxed excellently to outscore Heinz Sachs, German cruiser, over eight and Ady Biver won over the Belgian, Léon Camberlain, in a cruiser four. Jempy Bentz nodded Mathias Luyten in a middles eight and René Scheich trimmed Walter Limbach, German welter, over six rounds.

Gothenburg, Sweden—Eddie Ahlqvist launched his heavyweight hope, Ingo Johansson, on his ninth outing in the paid ranks. The young Swede, at 194, boxed well against the strong Italian, Aldo Pellegrini, 208, who dropped Ingo in the third but Pellegrini was ruled out in the fifth for butting. The Italian has lost a quarter of his bouts through fouls. Olle Bengtson came close to kayoing another Italian, Carlo Mola, in a middles melée but was nearly knocked kicking himself and had to be content with a points win over eight.

Flavio Ciancarelli, 131, had Lejf Wadling, 127, on the deck in the third but Wadling got up and rattled the southerner until he could slip over the finisher in round five.

Simon Templar, giant Nigerian heavy, came in at 224 against the equally large German, Herbert Wiese, 220, and the two mastodons gave the fans plenty of excitement until the third, when the ref halted the bout owing to Wiese's cut eye. Gunnar Nilsson, 176, was lucky to get a draw with Artenio Calzavara, 173, over six rounds.

Trieste, Italy—Tiberio Mitri won a rather close affair against the Portuguese negro, Raphael Da Sylva, over ten rounds. In a lightie larrup, Mario Vecchiato halted Adrian Gomis of Portugal in the first canto and in a feathers eight, Nello Barbadoro narrowly defeated the aggressive Frenchman, Jacques Bataille. At Bari, Gaetano De Lucia whipped Kid le Noir, French lightie, over eight and Angelo Colaianni halted René Turillon in the fourth of a feathers fray.

Milan, Italy—Lorenzo Rocci, the redoubtable local cruiser clouter, made up for his recent kayo by Ameisbichler by ironing out the game and classy Swiss champion, Hans Schwerzmann in the seventh round.

Annibale Omodei drew with Calcaterra in a lightie eight, Gastone Casarico forced Ciccacci to retire in the fourth of a feathers fight and Giancarlo Dugini, southpaw bantam, belted out Franco Strada in two.

Abidjan, French Ivory Coast—Boxing has now caught the popular imagination out here and therefore Idrissa Dione and Francis Bonnardel were imported to try out the local bombers. Benjamin Dambele lost via the points route to Dione, France's best welter; Jules Touan did better and held the expert Bonnardel to a draw over ten rounds.

Paris—At the Salle Wagram, Louis Poncy did well to force tough Andre Pierson to retire in the tenth and last round of their lightweight battle.

At Arques, Roger Facquer won easily over Walter Lembgen in a welter ten and an Italian feather, Giorgio Nelli, grabbed the duke against Robert Daubercies.

At Angouleme, Claude Arnaiz dropped Yves Calamari for two long counts in the opening round but then slowed down and boxed his way to a points victory.

At Perigueux, Edouard Ptak scored another triumph, stopping the Belgian lightie, Charles Colpin, in seven.

Hamburg, Germany—The battle between Gerhard Hecht and Willi Hoepner did not provide the expected thrills. In the second round, Hecht got a cut over his right eye. As a result, Hecht was obliged to remain in his corner at the call for the third round, the medico having warned the champion of possible damage to the eye itself. Thus Willi Hoepner was acclaimed European cruiser champion in a most unsatisfactory fashion. He declared himself willing to meet Hecht in a return as soon as possible.

William Besmanoff made a great impression by beating Wim Snoek, Dutch cruiser king, over eight rounds after dropping the Hollander for "eight," in the seventh stanza. Hans Stretz avenged that sudden kayo he suffered last summer at the hands of Clair Redmond, icing the lanky negro in the opening frame. The third knockdown did the trick.

Uwe Janssen, German cruiser prospect, was held to a draw by young Pedro Klijssen of Holland in a six-rounder and another cruiser comer, Horst Niche, was held to a draw by expert Willy Schagen, Holland, also over six. Max Resch stormed and thundered at the defenses of game Antonio "Kid" Gameiro, a rugged Spaniard with too much courage. The end came in the seventh when Gameiro was counted out on his feet, unable to defend himself.

Turin, Italy—Franco Festucci stopped the strong Franco-Pole, Stanis Pasek. Pasek did not come out for the seventh due to a cut eye. Aldo Pravisani laced Salvator Vangi, French feather, over eight rounds. Pietro Baldini knocked out Lucio Vigna in the fourth session of a cruiser slam. Giorgio Milan, former heavies king, was given the verdict over Giannino Luise.

Marseilles, France—Jacinto Santin, Spanish feather, did not last long against the crippling punches of Cherif Hamia, French champion, and after taking a couple of counts, raised his arm in gesture of surrender at the beginning of the fourth frame.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(Month Ending April 18, 1955)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
2. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
4. Wil. Kohlbrecher (G)	William Besmanoff (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Bep van Klaveren (H)
5. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Wim Snoek (H)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Kid Dussart (B)
6. Gunther Nurnberg (G)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Antonio Monzon (S)
7. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Claude Arnaiz (F)	Peter Muller (G)	Raphael Da Sylva (P)
8. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Lorenzo Rocci (I)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Robert Guivarch (F)
9. Werner Wiegand (G)	Marcel Limage (B)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Ernst Zetzmann (G)
10. Robert Eugene (B)	Ray Schmit (L)	Olle Bengtsson (SW)	Augustin Argote (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Ray Famechon (F)	Robert Cohen (F)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
2. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Antonio Diaz (S)
3. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
4. Bruno Visintin (I)	Fred Galiana (S)	Hilaire Pratesi (F)	Robert Mouginot (F)
5. Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Emile Chemama (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
6. Edouard Ptak (F)	Mohamed Chickaoui (F)	Andre Valignat (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
7. Auguste Caulet (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Piero Rollo (I)	Henri Schmitt (F)
8. Werner Handke (G)	Sergio Milan (I)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Guy Schatt (F)
9. Joseph Janssens (B)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Pipo Dionisio (I)
10. Laouari Godih (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Roberto Spina (I)	Hilaire Gaviano (F)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (P) Portugal; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

Fred Galiana was again irrepressible. He stopped Louis Carrera in the seventh when the latter's seconds threw in the sponge. Another Spaniard, Manolo Garcia, halted Jean Dubois in the fifth of a fethers fray and promising Louis Trochon, local middle, whipped Henri Entringer over six.

Ostend, Belgium—Lanky Al Bernard became the new heavyweight champ by stopping Prosper Beck, a third-rater, in the eighth round for the vacant title. Robert Duqenne, French youngster, iced the veteran Belgian heavyweight, Al Robbesyn, in two and Charles Odon halted Theun Brommer, Dutch welter champ, in seven.

Modena, Italy—A crowd of five thousand jammed the Sports Palace here to watch Franco Cavicchi trade clouts with the ponderous Belgian, Robert Eugene. Eugene lost the verdict by a margin but at least made no contact with the resin!

Uber Bacilieri returned to action with a points win over the French Falstaff, Maurice Mols, over ten rounds; Carlo Poli halted Lamri Tighiouart, French lightie, in five and Walter Sarti nodded Roland Goujon, a young French welter, over six rounds.

Florence, Italy—Alvaro Cerasani soon took apart the modest French feather, Marcel Barthel, whose corner slung in the towel during the second session. Roberto Spina beat Serge Gazard, French bantam, in a ten-rounder and Luciano Raddi had a second meeting with Vannes Benassi, whom he beat this time on points in a cruiser six. Their first encounter ended in a draw.

Rome—At the Cavallerizza, Renato Tontini made his return to ring warfare after a spell of film-acting. The long absence had not improved Tontini's reflexes and he was notably slower than Giovanni Alfonsetti. Nevertheless, the younger man won by a narrow margin after eight rounds. Mario Rosellini outfought Franco Ciccarelli in a robust lightweight eight.

Geneva, Switzerland—Hubert Pierrard, young French welter comer, was surprisingly stopped by Franco Vescovi in round six. Cumbrous Giorgio Marchinetti, Italian heavy resident in the Red Cross City, thumped out a victory over the French negro, Paul Sylva, over six rounds.

Savona, Italy—A further attempt to make a star out of Renato Aiello resulted in the local cruiser getting a points beating at the hands of Cesare Bagnoli.

At Sondrio, Letterio Petilli thrashed René Beolet over ten rounds in a bantam argument and Mario Posca overcame André Roustan, French lightweight, over eight.

Nevers, France—Freddie Teichmann, durable Berlin middle-cum-welter, proved that he is no pushover by the way he handled the attacks of Idrissa Dione in a hard ten-rounder. The blonde Teuton ceded the verdict only on points.

At Pomains, Ilde Warusfel avenged the indignity imposed on him by Michel Aubignat in Paris by outscoring the visitor in a cruiser ten.

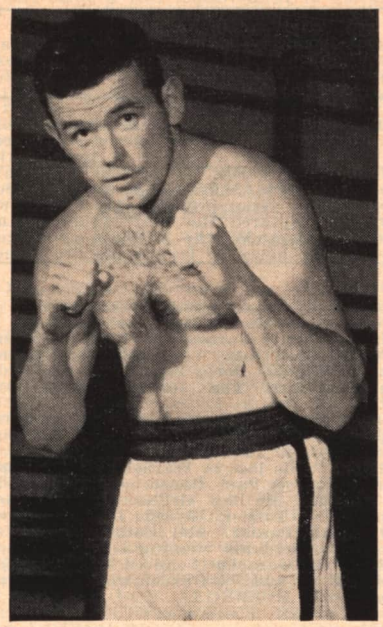
At the Central Club, Serge Leveque just couldn't hurt the tough Italian middle, Michele Polo, who took two trips to the canvas but was in there slamming it out at the final gong. Leveque won. Ben Aissa stopped Beugnet in the fourth of a bantam discussion.

Marseilles, France—Gracieux Lamperti knocked out Eugène Servais, Belgian feather, in four rounds. Ponceblanc nodded Taibi in a middles eight and Ben Larbi whipped Tati in a welter six.

Milan, Italy—At the National Theater, Tiberio Mitri gained a not too popular victory over the American Negro, Baby Day, in a middles ten. Mitri took a long count in the seventh. Alvaro Cerasani outdistanced Sammy Bonnici, the Maltese feather, over ten, Gaetano Garbelli, busy lightweight star, nodded the Frenchman, René Lacaze, over eight and Guido Mazzinghi flattened Jean Simon in the fourth of a middles debate. Val Gianluppi trounced Remo Viarengo in a lightweight six.

Monza, Italy—Lorenzo Rocci, the hard-hitting railroadman currently making headway in the cruiser ranks, paid a visit here to despatch the Belgian, De Mulder, in six rounds. Dante Madella stiffened Ferruccio Conforti in the second session of a middles contest.

At La Spezia, Adolfo Marcolini beat Ernesto Trimboli in a lightie eight and at Tricineto Po, Renato Denti laced Enrico Sisella in a bantam six.



Unbeaten young Swedish heavyweight, Ingemar Johansson, continued along winning ways, but had close call when Italian Aldo Pellegrini dropped him in third. Jchansson survived knockdown and won on disqualification two rounds later.

Amsterdam, Holland—In a German-Dutch program presented here, the visitors were rather badly served. Leo Starosch was ruled out for a debatable low blow delivered in the seventh round of his middleweight larrup with Harry Bos. Theo Imbsweiler deserved more than a points defeat against Jan Schoen in another middles affair and Heinz Klein was halted in the seventh of his feathers fray with Hannes Schneider. Tonny Baars, Surinam welter, was beaten by Alois Brand over eight hard rounds.

Rheims, France—Jacques Herbillon bumped into his toughest German opponent to date when he met Helmut Höhmann, who made things interesting for the French southpaw and lost narrowly on points in a good welter ten.

André Gonnet iced Peter Werner, German lightie, in four and Maurice Hautois stopped Paul Lewandowski in the third canto of a feathers dispute.

Mickey Laurent lost on points to the local middles star, Bill Jo Cohen, on points after ten hard rounds, at Tunis. On the same bill, Ben Younes II upset Roger Atlan in a middles eight.

Chateau-Thierry, France—Marcel Lesage seems to have regained his kayo knack, stowing away the Belgian feather, Jacques Lesseine, in two minutes. Kania whipped Michel Leorier on points in a cruiser affair.

At the Paris Central, Michel Lombardet halted the Italian welter, Dino Nocentini, in six.

At Auxerre—Claude Lapourielle edged the Spanish welter, Jim Mora, over eight.

Parma, Italy—Two minutes action was all that was needed for Franco Cavicchi to rid himself of Luxembourg's Jeng Serres in a brief heavyweight headliner. Ray Paini checked André Scotto, Parisian lightie, in four. Walter Sarti drew with the French welter, Carrie, and Vannes Benassi likewise drew with a third Gallic visitor, Louis Mezières, over eight rounds.

Sansevero, Italy—Felice Gallo punched out a lively decision over the Moroccan negro, Kid le Noir, in a good bantam eight.

At Cremona, Mario Faverzani scored an upset win over Bruno Tripodi, Italy's current middles king, over ten rounds.

Aristide Pozzali stopped Raoul Bendjillali in the third of a flyweight encounter, Taieb, a French negro middle, stopped Alessandro Mazzini in the fourth of a middles dust-up and a Moroccan feather, José Alvarez, walked out on his fight with Belotti in the second round.

Vigevano—Annibale Omodei scored over Ardillo in a welter eight and Casarico edged out a close win over Gaudenzio Carutti in a bantam eight.

At Pavia, Letterio Petilli continued his winning ways with a points win over Luigi Fasulo in a bantam eight and Annibale Omodei was held to a draw by Paolo Cipriani in a welter eight.

At the Cavallerizza in Rome Luigi Coluzzi chalked up a clean points win over the welter star, Roger Facquer over eight and Claudio Buniva trimmed Serge Van Zandt in a middles eight. Mario Calcaterra outboxed cagey Bouadjemi Mokhfi, Algeria, in a lightie eight and Renato Giacche defeated Mafaldo Rinaldi in a lightie six.

Savignano sul Rubicone, Italy—Widmer Milandri had his first bout as a lightheavy here, losing however to the more vigorous and aggressive Artenio Calzavara over eight rounds. Carlo Mola was surprisingly knocked out in the fourth round of his welter slam with veteran Duilio Bianchini and Carlo Poli creased Bernardini in the third of a lightweight tangle.

Istanbul, Turkey—Garbis Zakaryan, Turkish welter of Armenian extraction, punched out a solid points over the Greek middles champion, Emmanuel Lambidis, at the Sports Palace.

Barcelona, Spain—Another Turkish welter, Ziyiars Tiaki, took the field here against a local favorite, Gil Suarez, and lost the day, ceding a points decision after eight close rounds. José Martinez shaded Pardo in a feathers eight.

San Remo, Italy—Piero Rollo came in here at the last minute to replace Nazzareno Gianelli but did not suffer the usual fate of substitutes. Rollo slapped Hilaire Gaviano from pillar to post and in the third canto the refere halted the uneven battle. Aldo Pravisani blasted out the French feathers beginner, Francois Torrecilla, in four. Pasquale Barletta outfought Camille Allasseux in a flyweight eight and Renato Sanso, Neapolitan feather, scored over Teresio Cavagna in a six-rounder.

Milan, Italy—Georges Norel, the modest French middle, has proved a hard nut for most Italian bruisers and promising Aristide Dal Piaz discovered this to his cost when he found himself lucky to earn a draw after eight stern sessions with the visitor.

Gino Campagna, ex-middies king, outboxed Mario Salvoldi over eight rounds. Cesare Bagnoli slugged out a points win over Lepercq in a cruiser six.

Lyons, France—Maurice Pleinet, local lightweight youngster, outscored the Italian, Ray Paini, over eight rounds and Pierre Mondino, local middle, shattered Frank Youst in two rounds. At the Paris Central, André Granet succeeded in defeating Meslem in a feathers ten.

Caen, France—Marcel Assire battled to a draw with Sandro D'Ottavio of Italy in a hard ten-rounder.

At the Salle Wagram, in Paris, Marcel Dupré whipped Michel Clavel in a welter eight and Claude Arnaiz outfought the tremendously game Spanish middles king, Pedro Antonio Jiminez, over ten rounds. After the bout, Arnaiz collapsed and was taken to hospital. He was later discharged but ordered to rest.

Thionville, France—Siegmund Jarych, local welter, trimmed Emile Buyle in a good eight and Andre Chretien bested Walter Lembgen in a lightweight eight.

Berlin—Gustav Scholz was right back in top form and ripped into Ivano Fontana in truly workmanlike fashion. Scholz, 162, gave twelve pounds and a right thrashing to the Italian cruiser king. Fontana stayed by his guns until the fifth round when he finally went down for the full count.

Rudi Langer copped second place in the night's program, stepping out a brilliant points win over the Italian feathers star, Sergio Milan, over eight rounds. Max Resch fairly massacred the Parisian middle, Serge Leveque, in round one, Günter Hase scraped through with a draw against Jean Ruellet, French welter, over eight, Horst Niche edged. Chris Lunaude, France in a cruiser six. Herbert Sowa defeated Al Mobley, U.S. negro welter, over six. Sowa, at 162, outweighted the American by nearly a stone.

Rotterdam, Holland—Bep Van Klaveren earned a rather difficult decision over the dour German welter, Emil Koch, in ten rounds. Gerd Müller, rising young Rhineland lightweight, was declared loser against Piet van Klaveren in another ten-rounder and Karlheinz Fiederich beat Vicky Vandenbergh in a lightie eight. Nic Moos, welter newcomer, stopped Hans Nesemann, Germany, in the second.

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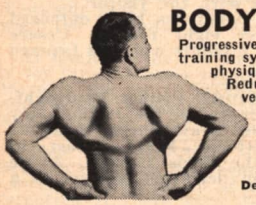

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

JOEY DORANDO, 23 year Airman from Lyndhurst, turned in one of the three victories scored by the U. S. team in the Pan-American games in Mexico City last month. Joey who had an impressive amateur record before going into the Air Corps two years ago captured the welterweight championship. Dorando who will be discharged this summer hopes to launch his pro career in the fall.

Results of other Jersey boxers in out of state rings during the last month follow:
Harold Carter kayoed Ike Thomas, Frank LaPola stopped Jorge Vega, Mike DiStephano beat Ike Wilson. Bobby Moore lost to Hardy Smallwood and Tim Jones defeated Bob Bolton.
Richie Cannady drew with Andy Figaro. Ralph Giordano decisioned Benny Washington and lost to Johnny Lissy.
Jimmy Walls lost to Warnell Lester. Tony Romano halted Paul Banzo. Gary Garafola was stopped by Ray Grillo. Jerry Luedce kayoed Gerry Tessier. Georgie Johnson scored over Garth Panter. Mel Collins beat Wes Lowry then had his winning streak snapped by Rory Calhoun, but bounced back to kayo Gordon Perry and John Smith whipped George Tedesco.

An all-star amateur show will be staged at the Teaneck Armory on May 11th for the benefit of the Englewood B'nai Brith under the direction of Duke Stefano. The sixth annual Dick Mayo trophy will be presented to the outstanding fighter on the program.

With organization of the new Lodge #14 in Hudson County of the Veteran's Boxers Association, North Jersey has two fine lodges with the Bergan-Passaic Lodge #9 which has been doing some fine work, and recently staged a high successful amateur show in Paterson.

Results for the Month:
Trenton Arena: Former state lightweight champion Gene Takach, 139¼, White House, returned to action after two years of army service in Korea and fought his way to an easy eight round verdict over Rocky Sullivan, 136½, Boston, Mass. Gene copped seven of the rounds on Referee Paul Cavalier's score card. Mel Collins, 152, Trenton ran off his eighth straight win as he won an unpopular decision over Tim Jones, Plainfield after eight wild and wooley rounds.
Making his first start in eight rounds, Mel turned in a fine showing, even if he did get a break on the call. It was the first loss for Tim in his last 12 bouts. Harold Carter, 188, Linden, won permanent possession of Bob Slaughter, 174¼, Philadelphia by winning a one sided eight round decision. Mike DiStephano, 129, Trenton flattened Charley Perry, 128, Philadelphia in 1:57 of the first round. A crowd of over 1,000 persons turned out to welcome Takach home.

Jimmy Soo, 134, Philadelphia stretched his unbeaten skein to 25 as he won an eight round decision over Charlie Slaughter, 131, Westfield, N. J. Slaughter who took a bad beating, being floored twice in the second, and once in the fifth stunned the crowd as he rallied and dropped Soo with a long right to the jaw for a count in the final round.
Tragedy struck in the semi-final when young Bryan Thompson, 160 of Philadelphia former amateur and Armed Forces Champion was kayoed in 2:38 of the second round by Jerry Luedee of Kearny, N. J., Bryan crumbled to the floor and was still unconscious when removed to the Hospital, where he is now on the road to recovery. It was Thompson's first pro bout.
In other contests, Freddy Fuller, 128, copped the nod over Benny Singleton, 120, in an action filled sixer. Singleton who suffered his first loss couldn't cope with Freddy's height and weight advantage, both boys are from Philadelphia. Otto Smith, 157 Elizabeth outlasted Buster Oliver, 156, Asbury Park, 4, and Jay Bee, 190, Trenton stopped John Neal, 187, Wilmington, Del. in 1:02 of the first.
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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

MIKE STANZLER will revive wrestling in this locale. He will stage weekly shows at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet.
Harold "Chubby" Gomes, outstanding local featherweight, celebrated his return to the ring by posting his third victory over Art Mullins.
Lou Campanelli, local middle has retired due to injuries.

Arcadia—Lou Campanelli, local middleweight beat Jose Cotreras, 163, Taunton, in ten.
Artie Towne, N. Y. middle, stopped Lester Jackson, 166, N. Y., in six.
Gordon Perry, 148, stopped Wally Henderson, in two. He also stopped Dave Grant, of Boston, in two rounds, but lost to Mel Collins, 150, Trenton, on a TKO in the sixth.
Joe Gomes, 152, hard-hitting Fox Pointer, KO'ed Ernie Johnson, 156, Roxbury, in one, also Benny Spinolla, New Bedford, but dropped a split decision to said Kelfa, 160, Algeria, in eight rounds.

Bob Bolton, 158, Providence, KO'ed Jackie Lovatt, Providence, 157, in 8 rounds. Billy Andy, beat Toby Silva, in six. Bobby Soares, 126, Providence, stopped Charley Veloza, 130, Fall River, in two. Paddy Read, 125, Providence, beat Langlois, 128, Providence, twice in four rounders.

Eduardo Lausse, Argentina, KO'ed Gil Edwards, New York, in five. Both are middleweights.
Tim Jones, Newark, beat Bob Bolton, in eight. They are middleweights.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

Worcester, Mass.—Curly Monroe took a unanimous ten round decision from Vic Cardell of Hartford, Conn., at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, before 954 fans. Dennis Goslow, 154, Laurel Hill, outpointed Stan Ketchell, 153, Portland, (6). Bobby Kilburn, 145, Worcester, and Al Maglieri, 145, fought a good tough six rounds to a draw.
Bob Caplette, 207 Webster, and Tony Cummings, 186 of the Meadows Draw (4). Ralph Pellachia 152 Leominster, high school football star registered a two round TKO over Ronnie Valloir, 157, Worcester.

Lou Brouillard former welter and middleweight champion of the world is now operating a crane for the Hingham Naval Depot, and training Junior for a tryout in the amateurs as a heavyweight.
Brockton, Mass. Eddie Connors, undefeated Sharon, welter, gained a draw with Curley Monroe, of Worcester, in the eight round feature bout at the Maple Arena.
Sonny Medeiros, 145, Taunton, KO'd Bob Kilburn, 142, Worcester, (6). Ted Doncaster, 163½, Sackville, Nova Scotia, KO'd Gene Hersom, Bath, Me. (3). Bob Murphy, 145, Brighton, KO'd Joe Russon, 141, Whitinsville, (1). Bobby McHugh, 140 Boston, KO'd Ted Bishop, 142, Lawrence, (2). Butsy Gallant, 150, Chelsea, outpointed Jim Mattos, 152, Lawrence, (4).

Bennington, Vermont.—About 500 Bennington fight fans got a taste of boxing when former featherweight champ Willie Pep, 129, of Hartford, Conn., won a 10 round split decision over Herman Gary, 132, of Detroit at the State Armory. The fight was staged to stimulate interest in boxing in this area. Gary, fighting mostly on the defensive, won the sixth round by blackening Pep's eye. Otherwise the bout was all Pep's, who made full use of his lightning fast left jabs. Three wrestling matches preceded the Pep-Gary bout.
Brockton, Mass.—On the comeback trail after being away for six years and training for months, Bobby Quinn, 190, of Dorchester, Mass., outpointed Roger Wiley, 183½, of Beverly Farms, in the main bout of eight rounds of a double feature, at the Maple Arena. Quinn who did most of the forcing had Wiley in bad shape in the sixth round. Wiley a good boxer and a good fighter should be seen in the near future in a return bout. On the other hand after a half dozen fights for Quinn, Boston has another good man.
In another eight: Harold Gomes, New England featherweight champion from Providence, 125½, defeated Art Mullen, 125, Philadelphia, in a rough and tough scrap from the first to the last round.
Ted Doncaster, Sackville, Nova Scotia, was defeated by Edmund Demers, of Springfield, in six. This fight was an upset.
Dennis Goslow, 150, of Worcester, was kayoed by Bob Murphy, 148, Brighton, in 1 minute and 40 seconds of the first round. The blond Murphy, scoring his third straight knockout victory as a pro.
Bobby McHugh, Brighton, 141, scored his second straight one round kayo victory in local shows when he stopped Joey Beau, 146, of Springfield, in one minute of the first round.

BOXING IN UTAH
By Pete Giacoma

PROVO UTAH: Garth Panter, 161, Salt Lake, scored three knockdowns on route to a five round kayo over Jackie Clark, 165, Bremerton, Wash., in the feature bout of a mixed boxing and wrestling show at the Riverside Rink. Don Kennington, 145, Star Valley, Wyo., halted Jim Trurello, 151, Salt Lake City, in the fifth.

Salt Lake City: Gene (Cyclone) Fullmer, 156, West Jordan, blasted his way to a one sided ten round decision over elusive Govan Small, 158, Los Angeles. Gene had Small in trouble in the ninth, but was unable to finish his man.

Jack Nelson, 193, Salt Lake, scored a major upset by outhustling hard punching Harley Breshears, 183, Parma, Idaho, to score a ten round verdict. It was the best fight turned in by Nelson in a long time. Don Kennington, 145, Star Valley, outlasted George Mocaby, 146, Boise, in a wild slugfest to end matters in 2:42 of the first. Don decked George twice, only to run into a wild right that floored him. But he came up swinging and a right to jaw closed it out. Mike Raymond, 142, Salt Lake, scored over Clarence Bruce, 138, Oakland, 5; Dean Anderson, 173, Rexburg, Idaho, defeated Jack Reed, 183, Murray, Utah, 3. Dick Lane, 151, Billings, Mont., looked good in halting Joe Mortenson, 149, Murray, in the second. A crowd of over 3,500 fans saw a fine action filled card.

Tremonton, Utah; Jack Nelson, 196, Salt Lake City, continued on the win trail by halting outclassed Ron Peterson, 190, Tremonton, in the sixth round. Don Kennington, 145, Star Valley, hammered out a six round kayo over Joe Mortenson, 148, Murray in the co-featured bout. Bobby Feller, 150, Salt Lake, edged out his fellow townsmen Max Stevens, 144¼.

Vernon Campos, 122, Salt Lake, whipped Joe Whitecloud, 125, Salt Lake, 4. Bobby Campos, 124, Salt Lake, outscored Leo Duran, 130, Salt Lake, in the opening bout. This was the first boxing show held in Tremonton in many years and drew a fine crowd.

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SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

PROMOTER Gus Cuzza's March 25th show was a success from an action standpoint, though it drew only $6300 gross, which though good, is low for Spokane this season. It produced some of the best crowd-pleasing supporting bouts of the winter . . .

In the feature attraction, Tacoma's Irish Pat McMurtry stopped an obviously overmatched Murray Burnett of Chicago in three heats, a bout which did little to add to McMurtry's prestige or advance pro boxing in this area. As soon as McMurtry meets someone who can hold up his hands without support, we will report whether he is a great heavyweight prospect or not, and in this bout, he looked like—just another heavyweight. He should at this stage be pitted against better talent to test his true ability.

In an action packed and well matched supporting card—several newcomers on the local scene passed their tests admirably. In the eight round heavyweight co-featured with Gunner Gene Brixen, Sand Point Idaho, tangling with popular Amos Lincoln of Portland, a split decision, very unpopular, was reversed by Commissioner Louis August when it was discovered Lincoln was boxing with 6 ounce gloves, and Brixen with eights . . . The official decision was a technical draw, and a rematch is warranted . . .

In a six round special, which won the fifty buck award as the outstanding prelim of the evening, Willard Battling Nelson, gamely came from behind to decision rough-housing Carl Brunson in a lightweight sizzler.—In another six rounder, in the middleweight division, Ron Milne appeared well on his way to getting a shellacking from newcomer Dick Lane of Billings when the bout was halted in the second round due to a cut eye suffered by Lane when he was butted by Milne. The commission ruled it be called a decision and both judges and the referee agreed on a unanimous verdict to Lane.

In two four rounders, light heavyweight Indian Sammy Bohn decisioned game and rugged Red Gallagher, both of Spokane, and Rad Menko of Spokane decisioned Swede Berg of Seattle . . . The preliminaries, usually the cause of considerable criticism, saved the show from a mediocre main event. . . .

Commissioner Louis August, a real conscientious guy, is doing a fine job in Spokane. He has made a real improvement in officials and other departments in the Spokane area.

In the keep your eye on department—watch Duke Sadedong, Giant Samoan heavy, managed and trained by Maxie Weisbarth of Seattle—this big younbster, and I mean big—six feet, six inches, 225 pounder, moves like a middleweight and can fight—may be the sensation of the Northwest in the near future. . . .

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

EMIL BRTKO, the walloping heavyweight of Pittsburgh, proved he was ready for bigger game when he belted out GENE WHITE, also of Pittsburgh, in the first canto before a surprising big crowd of 2500 fans. The gross gate was $7,300. The bout was staged in the Gardens in Pittsburgh.

Brtko parlayed a series of left hooks to White's head to drop him for an eight count. Another flurry of blows pinned Gene to the ropes in a dazed condition and the bout was stopped in 1:51 of the round. This victory marked Brtko's sixteenth win and only one loss. He is managed by MARTY TYLER.

In the semi, REYBON STUBBS, East Liberty, 142, scored his 11th straight win and his eighth knockout when he pole-axed EDDIE BRANT, 143, Dayton, Ohio in the second round. ARLEY SEIFER, North Side, 148, defeated DON ALDERSON, Cannonsburg, 152.8: CURTIS COLES, Rankin, 158, stopped GUIDO PICONE, Canton, Ohio, 150, in the sixth round: ERNIE SMITH, Rochester, Pa., 152, knocked out BRITIZE McKINNEY, Northside, 148, second round.

Ten Second Shots—JACK SHEPHARD, 58, Portsmouth, Ohio boxing promoter and a welterweight contender in the early 1920s died of a heart attack. RAY PALLADINI of Ambridge, Pa., is booming his K.O. artist BOBBY NEAL, whom he says no one will fight. The Youngstown Arena drew 4000 wrestling fans who came to see VERNE GAGNE whip LEO JONATHAN. Drop your notes to Al Wolgast, Farrell, Pa. FRANKIE MORAN, hard-hitting welterweight of the early forties is now a salesman for the Dubois Co. Moran is from New Castle. AL LANG and HARRY HARRIS of Los Angeles are open for West Coast representation.

WEST VIRGINIA WALLOPS
By Mickey Davies

IT is with a heavy hand that we write about the passing of an old personal friend, with whom we have been closely associated for many, many years—Jack Sheppard. Sheppard succumbed to a heart attack in a Huntington Hotel just hours after he and I had drawn up plans for a boxing show in Portsmouth, Ohio. The end came so suddenly for the 'old Champ'—who seemed so spry for a man of his age. He was 59 years of age.

Fans and friends of Sheppard will never forget his efforts in the boxing business. First as a first rate pugilist (he boxed a draw with the great Benny Leonard), then later as a promoter, matchmaker and manager. Jack, or "Yussel" as we chose to call him, had many friends around these United States, and he will be sadly missed by all.

Armory, Charleston—Home-town fans witnessed another sparkling showing of their pride 'n joy, Noel Humphreys, 138¼, who lamblasted Al Gualteri, 134¼, Washington, Pa., over the ten round route before a near capacity house. "Noey" decked the Italian boy three times for nine counts, but couldn't keep him down.

In the slated eight round semi-final, Al (Wildcat) Carter, 158, stopped Rocky Bogdan, 163, Lorain, Ohio, when the latter's handlers refused to allow him to continue after the completition of the third stanza.

In a real alley brawl, Ron DePriest, 138, White Sulphur Springs, edged Melvin 'Madison, 136, Portsmouth, by a split duke in six action packed rounds. Major Myers, 140, Huntington and Eugene Burnette, 140, White Sulphur Springs, drew in six rounds.

CORRECTION—In these columns recently we listed Charleston middleweight Al Carter as Billy Carter. We're sorry this came about. Incidentally, this fellow Carter is an excellent prospect, and should go far.

BETWEEN ROUNDS—What's this? . . . Jack Laken headin' West again . . . Taking Greeley's advise, Doctor? . . . As does Marty Tyler of Pittsburgh who does business for Emil Brtke . . . Tommy Jones, former Huntington amateur star, left the wing of Angelo Pucci in the East to enter the stable of Harold Martinez, Vince's brother . . . Jimmy Lane, of Huntington, Eastern Golden Glove winner two years ago, is Army bound. Address: Mickey Davies, 2224 Seventh Street. Phone 9-3051, Portsmouth, Ohio.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

THE postponed Ray Robinson-Johnny Lombardo fight at Cincinnati Garden finally transpired on March 29. Promoters Art and Leonard Wirth did a gross of $15,000 at the gate with 5100, fans in attendance.

Robinson won a split decision of a very good fight.

The bout, originally set for early March was delayed when Robinson was ill. On the night of his fight, Robinson looked 100% improved over his Jones showing, though he still has much room for additional improvement.

Herbie Moore, Cincy light heavy knocked out Jack King in one round; Carmen Iacobucci won from Clarence Wooten in 6; Isaac Vaughan bested Frankie Betts in six and Frank Williams won in six over Dave Ragus.

Jack Sheppard, 62 years old, former lightweight of note died at Huntington, W. Va. on March 13. Jack was well known around here, both as a fighter, promoter and a manager.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . . rumor has it that Ray Perez, Cincinnati businessman is toying with the idea to start a small boxing club around the Greenhills section. . . . This would be a good move as the town could stand a small club to develop new faces . . . . if the Becker and Wirth brothers would get behind Perez's project, there is no telling what good would develop . . . . my weekly boxing letter at ten dollars per year is rolling stronger than ever with subscribers in every part of the country and several foreign . . . . those interested in this weekly service contact me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . this address also for managers of good fighters wanting national bookings and those who may wish a one dollar copy of the new promoters and managers guide, 1000 names, addresses listed . . . . Ezz Charles will show in Cincinnati at the ball park this summer.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

JOHNNY ORTEGA, a pint-sized flyweight from Oakland, California, got off to a fast start, piled up a big lead in the earlier rounds and carried off the unanimous eight round decision over Francis Militante of Honolulu in a slashing fight held at the Civic Auditorium, March 8, 1955. The harder puncher of the two despite his diminutive size, 110 pounds against his opponent's 113½, the Oaklander scored the only knockdown of the fight when he floored Militante for a nine count with a straight right to the jaw in the second round.

The fight was promoted by the Boxing Enterprises, Limited, and drew a disappointingly small crowd.

Other results: Bobby Acusta, 137, surprised by winning easily over De Cosmo, 137, in the 5 round semi-final. Al Palpallatoc, 118½, TKO'ed Ernest Sylva, 118, in the third of four. Harold Mara, 131, beat Felix Aciro, 133½. 4 rds. Sam Wailani, 143, decisioned Linford Chung, 142, in the four round opener.

Philip Kim, making a comeback after nearly a year of inactivity, displayed enough of his former wildcat streak to tame highly rated Dickie Wong, 143, by scoring a knockout in 1 minute 26 seconds of a scheduled tenner held at the Civic Auditorium on March 11, 1955. The win was a surprisingly easy one for Kim, who in his last fight, a losing one, against aged Frankie Fernandez, looked all but washed up.

The fight, the maiden promotion of new promoter Rex Ravelle, drew 2,920 fans for a gross gate of $4,818.

Abel Donnell, 136¾, decisioned Larry Cantiberos, 135½, in a fast five round fight.

Dan Santiago, 136½ knocked out Ray Carvalho, 134½, in the fifth and last round.

Sam Wailani, 139½, held Leo Tolentino, 138, to a four round draw.

Jaimie Basquez, 127½, won easily over Linford Chung, 142, over four rounds despite the 14½ pounds difference in weight. The Territorial Boxing Commission overlooked one of its basic rules in allowing this bout to go on. It is also hard to understand why they would OK having two fight cards for the same week. The gate receipts on both cards suffered as a result.

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FROM BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

LUNA PARK—Pedro Miranda, 116, outpointed Juan Bishop, 117, in twelve.

LUNA PARK—Americo Bonetti, 134, drew with Nestor Savino, 136, in twelve. Bonetti was the better man.

BERISSO CT.—Ricardo Gonzalito, 126, outpointed Ismael El Bitar, 130, in ten.

LUNA PARK—Juan C. Navarro, 154, kayoed Oscar Rojas, 156, in seven.

M. del PLATA—Aquiles Gregorutti, 160, outpointed Andres Gelpa, 160, in ten.

EBRO STAD.—The Champ, Jose Bruno, 125, kayoed, Eliseo Escalada, 130, in five.

LUNA PARK—Rafael Azuaga, 133, kayoed Natalio Sztein, 133, in eight.

LUNA PARK—The Champ Rinaldo Ansaloni, 182, kayoed Antonio Acita, 205, in ten.

LUNA PARK—Dante Pereyra, 162, TKO'd Juan C. Salazar, 160, in sixth and Emilio Jakson, 145, TKO'd Martin Perez, 145, in eight.

LUNA PARK—Alvaro Roca, 145, kayoed Agustin Villafañe, 147, in nine.

LUNA PARK—Martiniano Pereyra, 146, TKO'd Oscar Paez, 145, in sixth.

LUNA PARK—Nestor Savino, 135, outpointed Antonio Algarabel, 135, in twelve.

BRISTOL ST.—The Champ Jose Bruno, 130, TKO'd Gerardo Pino, 130, in four.

LOMAS PARK—Ricardo Gonzalito, 125, drew with Manuel Alvarez, 125, in ten.

EVA PERON—Martiniano Pereyra, 150, kayoed Jose Ali, 150, in ten.

M. del PLATA—Antonio Cuevas, 162, outpointed Jose Oviedo, 164, in ten.

LUNA PARK—Juan C. Navarro, 148, outpointed Armando Rizzo, 145, in twelve.

LUNA PARK—Edgardo Nazrala, 135, TKO'd Omar Olovito, 137 in seven—and Jesus Videla, 125, outpointed Luis Pepe, 124, in ten.

LOMAS PARK—Rogelio Andre, 135, outpointed Alberto Villaflor, 135, in ten.

EBRO PARK—The Champ Jose Bruno, 127, kayoed Jose Luna, 129, in two.

MERCEDES—The Champ Alfredo Prada, 140, TKO'd Jose Palacio, 142, in two.

SAN JUAN—Miguel Rodriguez, 162, outpointed Miguel Gonzalez, 160, in ten.

LUNA PARK—Frederik Thompson, 143, TKO'd Federico Guerra, 146, in nine.

R. MEJIA—Ricardo Gonzalito, 126, kayoed Jose Rossi, 137, in two.

EBRO STA.—Alfredo Bunetta, 127, kayoed Luis Carbone, 135, in two.

LUNA PARK—The Champ Jose Bruno, 127, kayoed Alfredo Ramirez, 127, in ten.

LUNA PARK—Martiniano Pereyra, 146, TKO'd Adalberto Ochoa, 146, in nine.

EVA PERON—Ricardo Gonzalito, 126, TKO'd Gerardo Gonzalez, 129, in three.

LOMAS STAD.—Alfredo Prada, 144, won in ten over Adolfo Igriega.

EBRO STAD.—Americo Bonnetti, 135, kayoed Alberto Villaflor, in two.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

AFTER getting back from his fight with Chamrern Songkitrat, in San Francisco, where he became the N.B.A. bantam king, Raton Macias relinquished his Mexican title in the same division.

Luis Villa, 119, obtained the decision over Mario de Leon, 113, by disqualification in seven. Roberto Ortega, 134, outpointed Panchito Bolaños, 135, in ten.

Enrique Esqueda, 135, decisioned Babe Ortiz, 133, in ten. Arturo "Baby" Ruiz, 118, stopped Rudy Coronado, 119, in six.

Juanito Martinez, 132, decisioned Chico Martinez, 138, in ten. Eddie Luna, 113, drew with Jorge Gabiño, 119, in ten.

Salvador Rivera, 136, stopped Beto Carbajal, 136, in one. Jose Arguelles, 136, decisioned Marcelino Peña, 135, in ten.

Tomas Castillo, 125, decisioned Zurdo Carrillo, 126, in ten, in a feather elimination contest. Trini Ruiz, 127, decisioned Beto Couary, 126, in ten.

Carlos Barragan, 134, and Beto Gonzalez were thrown out of the ring with a no contest verdict. Martin Morales, 124, stopped Tacho Martinez, 123, in two.

Kid Anahuac, 126, outpointed Julio Escobedo, 126, in ten, in a feather elimination contest. Luis Contreras, 126, stopped Chamaco Ortiz, 126, in eight.

Rudy Jimenez, 157, stopped Santos "Firpo" Gutierrez, 154, in six. Jimenez won the national middleweight title, which Firpo had obtained five months ago in an elimination contest with Pirrin Vega as one of the finalists. Enrique Ortiz, 135, stopped Eduardo Almazan, 134, in four.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

MERIDA, YUCATAN—César "Borracho" Morales, 130, won a decision over Felipe "Babalú" Novelo, 126, in ten rounds. Joe Corso, 125, and Roch Carvajal, 129, drew in ten. Urbano Velazquez, 117, TKO'd Mario "Turco" Zapata, 117, in seven rounds. Carlos Lara, 127, scored a three-round knockout over Tecolote, Carrillo, 126.

MERIDA, YUCATAN—Yuyín Trejo, 132, TKO'd Roberto Lagunes, 130, of Veracruz, in 9 rounds. Bombero Aguilar, 131, stopped Ray Mancilla, 132, of Mexico City, in eight rounds. Nando Carvajal, 108, a promising flyweight, TKO'd Manuel "Baby" Amaya, 105, in five. Mario Carvajal, 133, and Pancho Salazar, 138, drew in four rounds. Chichi Martinez, 106, kayoed Moncho Castillo, 102, in the fourth.

MERIDA, YUCATAN—In the main event, César "Borracho" Morales, 128, convincingly outpointed Felipe "Babalu" Novelo, 126, in ten rugged rounds, but the decision was an unpopular draw. Joe Corso, 127, was beaten by Roberto Lagunes, 130, of Veracruz, in ten. Manuel Ravell, 147, won as he pleased in ten from Black Bill, 147, who is on his way down. Carlos Lara, 126, won in four over Eligio Rosado, 130.

MERIDA, YUCATAN—Nando Carvajal, 110, scored a 4th round TKO over Billetero Rodríguez, 112. Peter Zapata, 106, put Zurdo Castillo, 107, to sleep in the fourth. Joe Ambrosio, 137, scored a technical knockout over Pancho Salazar, 140, in the second. Mario Carvajal, 130, knocked out Joe Navarro, 127, in 4. Cubanito González, 114, got a draw in six rounds with Negro Medina, 114. Joe Canto, 117, bested Baby Orozco, 119, also in six rounds.

MERIDA, YUCATAN—Hard-punching Mike Hernández, 122, bantamweight champ of Yucatán and now a feather contender, scored his biggest win with a decisive victory over Felipe "Babalú" Novelo, 126, Hernández had too much power for "Babalú" and iced him in four sensational rounds. César "Borracho" Morales 132, was the winner in the 10-round semi, when his foe Roch Carvajal, 135, was knocked out by him in seven well-fought rounds. Joe Ambrosio, 135, stopped Ambers kid, 136, in 4. Roy Sansores, 113, beat Baby Riverita, 115, in four. Moncho Castillo, 102, defeated Chichi Martínez, 106, also in 4.

CAMPECHE, CAM.—Manuel Ravell, of Merida, TKO'd Zurdo García in 5 rounds.

CAMPECHE, CAM.—Baby Yucatán (Claudio Ancona), kayoed Grégorio "Baby" Santos in 4. Baby Valencia bested Baby Orozco in six.

IZAMAL YUC.—Ramón Cruz, flyweight king of Yucatan TKO'd Mario "Turco" Zapata in seven rounds.

TIJUANA, B. C.—Gaspar "Indian" Ortega, welterweight from Tijuana, knocked out David Cervantes in the 8th round.

TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS—Julio César Jiménez, of Yucatan, and Rudolph Bent, of Belice, B. H., drew in ten rounds.

IZAMAL, YUC.—Antonio Rosado (Panters de Izamal) and Urbano Velázquez drew in eight rounds.

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SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

A SINGLE boxing victory in New York City seems more profitable than a dozen achieved elsewhere. Pat Lowry, Toledo welterweight, won a unanimous decision over Peter Adams in St. Nicholas Arena, New York, and since then his manager, Frankie Gerard, has been flooded with lucrative offers for the services of the Toledo slugger.

Art Morse, general chairman of the Toledo Golden Gloves tournament and prominent in Amateur Athletic Union affairs, has been appointed chairman of the National A. A. U.'s committee which is making a study of safety measures in amateur boxing.

Paulie Brooks, Cleveland lightweight who has been defeated only once in 23 pro starts, won a split decision over Rudy Jordon in the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

A GROUP of wealthy and prominent New Orleans oil, real estate investment and securities brokers have formed a new boxing club to revive boxing locally on a major scale and their first show will feature undefeated Frankie Ryff, New York No. 3 lightweight and local Ralph Dupas, No. 2 lightweight challenger at Municipal Auditorium May 17-18 or 19th. They will meet in a ten round decision bout.

The name of the new club is the Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Louis Roussel, oil and real estate tycoon is President; Mr. Anthony Bologna, prominent local business man has been named vice-president; Colonel Seymour Weiss, nationally known Dean of Southern hotel operators has been named treasurer and Mr. Blaise D'Antoni, champion yachtsman, former famous amateur boxer and who at one time championed big time football at the local Loyola College will be secretary.

They will not only stage top flight fights but will also stage smaller shows to keep the game alive and develop new talent. As this is written Louis Messina, well known local promoter and matchmaker will act as matchmaker for the new boxing club. Allen LaCombe, will be offered the position of office manager and ticket man and this writer will be the publicity director.

I will predict that with a body of business men with unlimited wealth New Orleans will witness a world's championship fight over the 15 or 20 round route this year as Louisiana law allows 20 round fights and Sunday fights.

Ralph Dupas, No. 2 lightweight contender, scored his fourth consecutive win this year when he gained the unanimous ten round decision over Bobby Bickle, Topeka, Kan., lightweight, Monday night March 28, at the Coliseum arena.

Bickle was no match for the speedy and capable Dupas who started the year off by snapping undefeated Cisco Andrade's winning streak and then scoring ten round victories over Richard "Kid" Howard, Kenny Lane and Bobby Bickle.

Promoter Heard Ragas staged the card. Judges Francis Kercheval and Judge Phil Gaffney called it a shutout victory for Dupas awarding "Whitey" Esneault's fighter ten rounds while Referee Pete Giaruso balloted nine rounds for Dupas and called one even. Kid Centella, Managua, Nicarauga, making his first start since being honorably discharged from the U. S. Army and who now makes New Orleans his home, scored a two round TKO over Nolan Duplessis, stablemate of Ralph Dupas. Centella who stopped Dupas in two rounds in Dupas first year of fighting looked sharp. Dupas later decisioned Centella in a return eight.

Dupas weighed 137½ pounds, Bickle, 137¼.

Alvin Chief Williams, rugged Indian stablemate of Bickle's made his debut a smashing one scoring a six round TKO over elongated Harvey Fellon in 2:40 of the sixth and final round. Williams scaled 174½, Fellon, 168 pounds.

Carlos Saavedra, 128 survived an early knockdown and won a four round decision over Chico Hernandez, 126.

2,565 fans paid a gross gate of $5,440 to witness promoter Heard Ragas card.

Ralph Dupas, aiming for a return crack at undefeated Frankie Ryff and a title shot at champion James Carter, is being kept busy by manager Ernest "Whitey" Esneault. In Dupas' last start the flashy New Orleans lightweight contender won a split popular ten round decision over busy Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich., protege of Pete Petroskey.

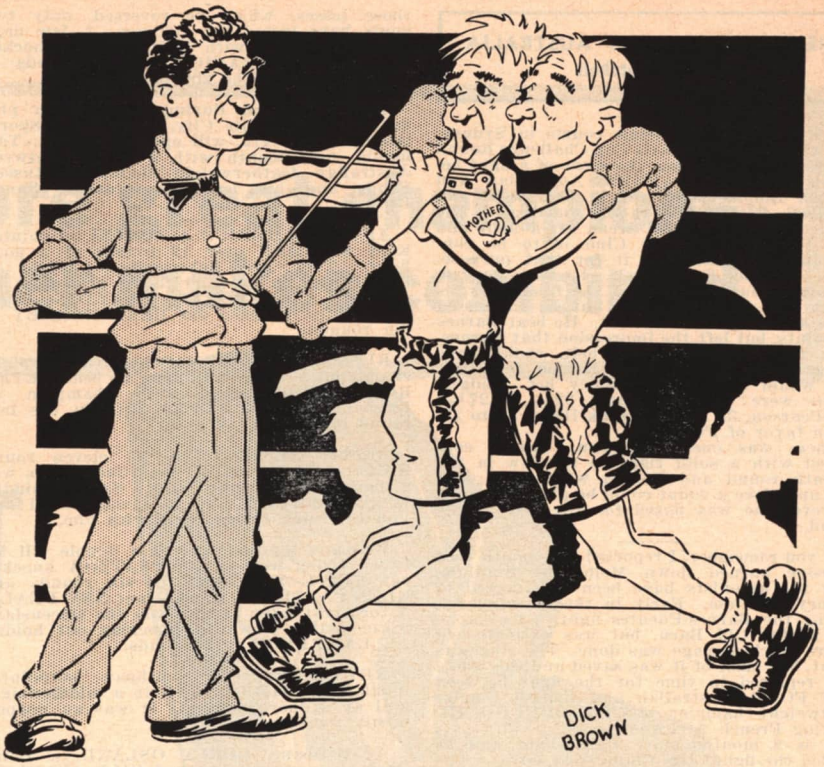
Dupas and Lane headlined promoter Heard Ragas' show at the Coliseum Arena. Lane made an interesting fight but Dupas' speed was too much for the southpaw from Michigan. Dupas scaled 139 pounds, Lane 138.

Judge Eddie "Kid" Wolfe called it six for Dupas, three for Lane and one even. Referee Pete Giaruso voted four rounds for each with two even, but named Lane the winner on aggressiveness. Judge Francis Kercheval balloted six rounds for Dupas, two heats for Lane and two even.

3,616 paying customers contributed to a nice gross gate of $9,700.

In the scheduled six round semi-final, Owen Romero, 130¼, promising Algiers, La., junior lightweight, chalked up a four round tko over Southpaw Mike Turcotte, 132¾, stablemate of the Dupas brothers, when referee Eddie "Kid" Wolfe halted the bout of their scheduled six rounder.

Turcotte held a slight lead going into the fourth as he was the superior infighter, but Romero shook Mike up with a blistering barrage of right handers and Mike's face was cut when Wolfe halted the scrap.



"I'M SICK OF FIDDLING AROUND LET'S FIGHT"

Johnny Capitano, New Orleans, 147½ pounds won a narrow split decision over Nolan Duplessis, local 143 pounder in a riproaring four rounder which was voted one of the best four round fights staged here in months. They battled like wildcats and many of the fans disagreed with the decision. It is a return encore match.

Jules Butch, 122 chalked up a two round tko in 2:39 of the second of a four rounder over Chico Hernandez, 123½ pounds. The bout was a smashing one and the fans disagreed when Referee Lucien Joubert's halted the contest with Hernandez suffering from a cut on the left eye.

Junior Bergeron, 126 pounds, won a split four round decision over Carlos Saavedra, 129½ pounds.

Andrew Brown, 151½, New Orleans light middleweight and Lawrence Armstead, were the victors via decision in a double windup of two ten round bouts staged by promoter Heard Ragas at the Coliseum Arena on March 8. Brown, scoring his 35th win in 36 starts, won a unanimous ten round decision over the more experienced Irvin Steen, 151½. It was a unanimous verdict, but Steen waged a gallant losing fight.

Armstead, making his first start since losing to Jimmy Hackney, came back into the win column by winning a close unanimous ten round decision over Sammy Anderson, Brooklyn, N. Y. Anderson, an elongated light lightweight, made a hit with fans and gave Armstead plenty of trouble until tiring in the final rounds. Armstead scaled 135½, Anderson, 130½.

Pero Bradley, 161, was awarded a three round tko over Willie Diggs, 160 pounds, in a scheduled four spot. Sammy Smith, 166 pounds, won a four round kayo over Larry Osbey, 154, in another four.

1,735 fans paid a gross gate of $2,264.

Joe Dorsey, New Orleans Negro light heavyweight, scaling 166 pounds, pounded out a unanimous ten round decision over Jimmy Morris, Miami, Fla., 164¼ pounds, in the feature ten round bout of an all Negro fistic card staged by promoter Heard Ragas at the Coliseum Arena on March 21.

Dorsey's win was his 15th in 16 professional fights. He is managed by "Brother" Kron and Jerome Conforto.

In the eight round semi-final, Nat "Killer" Jackson, making his first local start in some time, won a unanimous eight round decision over Junius West. Eddie Cates, another good prospect, decisioned Junius Nixon in four rounds and Leroy King outpointed George Tousaint in a four rounder.

1,178 fans paid a gross gate of $1,320.

Willie Pastrano's ten round decision over Al Andrews at Chicago Stadium punched Pastrano into the first ten of the light heavyweight decision and made him a new idol of the television fans throughout the nation.

Pastrano is a New Orleans lad, 19 years of age, discovered and developed by Ernest "Whitey" Esneault, who handles the Docusen brothers, Bernard and Maxie and who developed Ralph Dupas from the medal game. Willie has speed, courage and class and should go far in the light heavyweight ranks. He grew up from a welterweight and will grow into a heavyweight.

In my next column I will furnish managers with the business office address and telephone numbers of the recently formed Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, Inc. Also matchmaker Louis Messina's office address and day and night telephone numbers.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

TOMMY "HURRICANE" JACKSON stopped Washington's Flying Kid Saucer in 2 minutes and 11 seconds of the third stanza at Turner's Arena, Saucer had approximately 2500 fans who paid nearly $6000, shouting with joy when he easily took the first round, by outpunching the favorite from Long Island, N. Y. However, when the Space Man took a chunk out of Jackson's nose in the second round, he was promptly floored by a right to the jaw and again in the third, he was toppled for a full count. The Saucer weighed 188 and The Hurrican, 197.

In a semi-windup scheduled for ten rounds, Gene Smith, 129, Washington, won via the TKO route over Braxton Reed, 130½, New York City, when referee Ray Bowen stopped the affair after 2:30 of the fifth round. Reed, who had been giving Smith a complete going ovr in th first four rounds, suffered a spasm in his right leg as the result of a blow in the area of his sacroiliac and could not continue.

Harold Smith, 132, Washington, scored a KO over Bill Shelton, 132½, Washington, in 1:12, second round, making it ten KO's in ten scraps for Gene Smith's kid brother. Randy Brevard, 190, Washington, scored an easy win over Billy McCarroll, 226, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Clarence Hinnant, 175, Washington, knocked out Jimmy Thompson, 177, Washington, after 1:16 of the third round.

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NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

THE White City tennis courts in Sydney, where the last Davis Cup Challenge Round was contested, was the scene of a fight between GEORGE BARNES, Australian and British Empire welterweight champion, and RAMON FUENTES, rated American. The White City is the ideal arena for a fight and the Australian Boxing Club is to be congratulated on securing it for that purpose.

As to the fight itself, it was rugged. Fuentes aroused the ire of the fans with his rough and illegal tactics, but he impressed them as a hard man to beat. He beat Barnes on points, but left the impression that Barnes, with this fight under his belt, could make things very interesting for Ramon next time and would be an even money bet. Judges' points were: Charles Moses, 32½ to 27½; Les Pearson, 33 to 27; Frank Hyde, 32 to 28, all in favor of Fuentes.

There was one knockdown. Barnes connected with a solid right to the jaw in the seventh round and Roman went down, but was up before a count could be placed on him. However, he was dazed for the rest of the round.

If you remember, I reported last month that someone burned down Melbourne Stadium. Now the arsonists have been transferred to Sydney Stadium. Early in the morning following the Barnes-Fuentes fight, a fire broke out in the Old Barn, but was extinguished before much damage was done. The ring was burnt, but most of it was saved and the whole was repaired in time for the fight between PAT FORD, Australian and British Empire lightweight champion, and LAHOURI GODIH, visiting French African.

It is 8 months since Pat fought and he needed the fight. His timing was astray. The verdict was given to Godih on points.

Melbourne is doing the right thing by its prelim boys and semi-windup boxers. Two or three suburbs are regularly running boxing, with ten-rounders headlining the bill. This is good. When Melbourne Stadium is rebuilt, there will be many boxers ready for action there.

At Sydney Stadium COL CLARKE upended BRIAN MEMBREY with the hardest punch seen at Sydney Stadium for years. Membrey, a shifty southpaw, boxed rings around the slower Clarke for six rounds, but Col had to catch him sooner or later. It happened in the seventh. Membrey was moving back fast when a right hand shot out and hit him flush on the jaw. He went down as stiff as a board—out from the moment the punch landed. His head hit the canvas with a resounding whack and he did not regain consciousness for several minutes. He was sent to the hospital, but was released the next day. Clarke can knock 'em dead with one punch, either hand and from any position. He would rank at least equal, in punching power, of any lightweight Australia has had and that includes Vic Patrick, Jack Hassen and Sid Godfrey. However, Col is still green and has a long way to go.

Trouble is, he has run out of opponents here, apart from Charlie Dunn and the champion, Pat Ford.

The flyweight tournament, conducted at Broken Hill, has come to a conclusion, with TEDDY RAINBOW being the man to fight the champion, Frankie Bennett.

TAFFY HANCOCK eliminated VINCE BLAKE by a K.O. in round four. Then a week later, RAINBOW eliminated Hancock by a nine-round K.O. Rainbow caught Taffy cold in the first round and it was four or five rounds before Taffy was himself. Then he suffered an eye cut and the ref stopped it at the end of the ninth. At the time Hancock was behind on points and could not have won. However, he shaped so well that he will be used again—possibly against the winner of Rainbow and Bennett.

PEDRO AQUISTA outpointed GERHARDT SCHMIDT in a good and hard fight. These two are light-heavies and have been rematched.

ALEC WELDON outpointed JOHNNY SIMMONS in a rousing 12-round support to Rainbow and Hancock, then was outpointed in another good fight, by ALAN RITCHIE a week later.

KITIONE LAVE, the Tan Terror From TONGA, was not a terror against ALLEN WILLIAMS. Lave could not hit Williams with his Sunday punch and the result was a draw. This fight was a little disappointing after the excellent contests Broken Hill has been featuring in recent months. Lave is a good prospect. A lad of only 20, he can knock 'em out, as his record proves. Only twice has he been beaten, and apart from those losses, which he reversed, only two bouts have lasted the distance. A few days before his fight with Williams, he knocked out STEVE ZORANICH in five rounds in Perth. Lave weighs 200 pounds.

The Australian Boxing Club, which promotes at the White City, the Sydney Sports Ground and Perth, will open at Hobart, Tasmania, next month with a contest between Australian featherweight champion, Russell Sands and his leading contender, Sandy Brown.

At Perth AMERICO AGOSTINI outpointed KEN WENMAN over 12 rounds of a good fight. They are lightweights. While at Leichhardt, in another bout promoted by the A. B. C., MARSHALL CLAYTON, American welter, knocked out BERT HORNBY in ten rounds.

RUSSELL SANDS, national featherweight champion, had to fight hard to beat PETER ROETON, Queensland State champion, at Brisbane. Russell won by K.O. in the last round of a 12-round fight.

Brother ALFIE scored an eleven round K.O. over JOE POMPEI in Sydney. This was a particularly hectic fight. Sands, middleweight contender, was in savage mood and Pompei, being tough, went with him.

Brisbane Stadium staged a double bill between rising welters, ROD LITZOW knocked out CLIVE STEWART in six rounds and GLEN CARSBURG knocked out NEV BEALE. A fortnight later Litzow won the Queensland State welter crown by knocking out holder, AL LAWRENCE in 5 rounds.

KEV CLUES, cagy southpaw, outpointed tough CLARRIE GROGAN in a middleweight mill at Sydney Stadium. It was an unspectacular contest.

At Brisbane, CURLY OSLAND, a rising Queensland welter, stopped BILL STANLEY, a rising Sydney welter, in five rounds. On the other half of the double bill, BARRY MOLLOY fought a good draw with REX SOLOMON; they are bantams.

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ARUBA, N.W.I., RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

WITH only one month away from Aruba's first N.W.I. middleweight championship fight, the local Aruba Boxing Association presented their monthly fight card at the Swingsters Square Garden, featuring lightweight elimination contests in order to rate the local lightweights and later match them with neighboring Curacao for the Netherlands West Indies lightweight championship.

In the feature 6-rounder, Kid Peligroso, 135, Aruba, and Kid Curacao, 135, Curacao, fought to a "comical" draw and the fans received more thrills from the antics and ferocious expressions of Peligroso than from the fight itself.

In another scheduled 6-rounder, Aruba Chocolate, 128, Aruba, clearly showed why he is ranked No. 1 lightweight in Aruba, by knocking out Dakota Terror, 130, Aruba, in 2:50 of the first round.

Efi Croes, 132, Aruba, also showed his class as No. 2 lightweight by stopping Baby Atomic, 128, Aruba, in 2:50 of the second round of a scheduled 6-rounder.

Jimmy Sanders, 135, Aruba, kept pace as No. 3 contender, by stopping Kid Ambrosio, 131, Aruba, in 1:35 of the first round when the referee halted the one-sided contest after Ambrosio was dropped three times.

Kid Fenton, 135, Aruba, TKO'd Young Valdez, 135, Aruba, in the second round.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By Chester Norton

THE initial promotion of Mickey McGuire turned out to be a success in every way except financially. His headline attraction featured Georgie Dunn, Edmonton, 136¼, and Dennis Pat Brady, New York, 138. Dunn began slowly and was badly shaken up when he was pushed outside the ropes and fell off the ring apron in the third round. He managed, however, to overcome Brady's early lead and salvaged a draw over the ten round route. There were no knockdowns and the fans were treated to a good exhibition of boxing.

Bill Parker, Fort Lewis, stopped Jock McLean, Calgary, at 2:03 of the second in heavyweight semi windup. McLean was down three times in the final stanza, mostly from body blows.

In a fight that rivaled the main event for action, Willard Nelson, Portland, 135, and Teddy Hall, Seattle, 135, drew in six rounds. Nelson is a youngster who looks as though he might go somewhere. At eighteen, he boxes well and punches well with both hands. Al Nash, Spokane, 134¼, stopped Lulu Lobowski, Vancouver, 138, at 35 seconds of the sixth. Lobowski called it quits after being down once.

Joe Brown, Vancouver, K.O.'d Johnny LeRoy, Seattle, at 2:30 of the third in the lightheavyweight opener.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA
By William Albert

AT Caracas: In the Nuevo Circo, showing for the first time in a local ring, Orlando Castillo (Gallito del Ring), 125½, of Cuba, fought a great battle with our Featherweight Champ, Victor Sonny Leon, 126½, and the official decision was a draw.

Ismael Espana, welter king, 150, stopped Jose Alvarez Parada, 150, Cuba, in the seventh round. Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 128, outpointed Manuel Perdomo, 129, Cuba in 10. Medina, our good prospect, gave a fine performance and floored the Cuban in the third round. Veteran Eloy Pacheao, 131, in a good comeback, won the six round bout with Spanish Pedro Sierra, 132. The Italian Fernando Spallotta, 152, kayoed Sixto Gonzalez, 149, in four. Ramon Calatayud, 112½, scored a split decision over Jose Romero, 112, in 4. The gate was $7,437.

Before a large crowd, that paid $6,700, Orlando Castillo, 128, Cuban featherweight won the unanimous decision in 10 rounds over our champ, Victor Sonny Leon, 128½. Castillo, boxing in fine style, won seven rounds.

In the semi-final, Ismael Espana, 150, our welterweight champion, kayoed Fernando Spallotta, 154½, of Italy. The referee Juan Pablo Perez Jr, halted the fight in the 7th. Spallotta suffered one cut over his left eye and another in the face. Marcelino "Lefty" Molina, 134½, defeated the Italian Silvano Locatelli, 137½, brother of the former European Champion in six rounds. J. Yanes, 154, outpointed Candelario Suarez, 151, in six. Pedro Sierra, Spanish, stopped P. Medina in three. Ramon Calatayud, 112, brilliant prospect, won over F. Trujillo in six rounds.

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BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

JOE BROWN, 138, has made it five straight and has become an idol in Colon. In his latest, he won a unanimous ten round decision over Tony Armenteros, 140, of Cuba. This was a rubber match.

Armenteros rallied in the last round, as the crowd of 2,000 roared, but he was too far behind on points.

Kid Chocolate II, 127½, halted Lupe Pancho, 128, in the third round. Pancho failed to come out for the third and the referee counted him out. Claudio Martinez, 115, turned pro and won in fine style over Kid Zefine II, in four rounds.

Marcial Molinar, 134½, was kayoed by Hankin Barrows II, 133½, in the first round. The receipts were about $2,500.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

NAVAL boxing tournaments predominated Virginia's boxing activity last month. In the Atlantic Fleet eliminations, held at the Norfolk Naval Base gymnasium, the Destroyer Force team emerged with 5 of the titles. Veteran Bob Nichols looked very good in winning the 126 lb. crown.

The star Naval Air Station team of Chief Eugene (Jake) Jakubizyn captured seven of the nine titles of the Central Conference boxing tournament held at the Naval Air Station Gymnasium in Norfolk. The Air Station team reminded your writer of the star USS Mississippi team of a few years back, when Chief Bill Brennan was coach. Things looked "so easy" for the "Air Boxers" when they won every bout the team engaged in.

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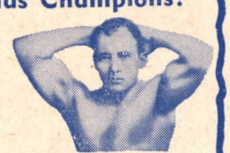

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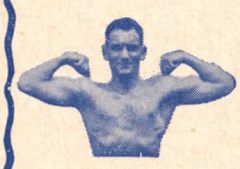

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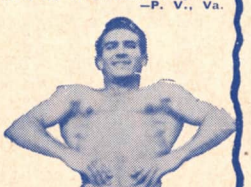

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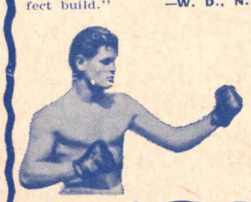

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